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New Supervisor Alicia Becerril

Sisters to celebrate Sunday New supe lays an Easter egg

by Cynthia Laird

he Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence will go ahead with their 20th anwill go ahead with their 20th anniversary street party Easter Sunday, over the loud objections from Roman Catholics. Following a tense Monday, March 29 Board of Supervisors meeting that violated normal protocol, board members voted 9 to 2 against rescinding an earlier action that approved a one-block closure of Castro Street for this Sunday.

Everyone at the meeting, held at the South of Market Recreation Center, was aware of a looming threat by the Catholic League over the matter; the New York City-based organization page 19

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Couples unite at same-sex 'wedding



Pies thrown, cake falls by Cynthia Laird

early 200 gay and lesbian couples proudly said their vows on the rotun-da steps inside San Francisco City Hall last Friday, March 26, and were pronounced domestic partners by Mayor Willie Brown, members of the Board of Supervi-sors, and elected officials. Meanwhile, homophobic minister Fred Phelps and his fol-lowers stood waving "God hates fags" posters in a fenced-off area across the street from

A small contingent of affirming religious leaders and some transgender activists were on hand as part of a counter-protest across the plaza from Phelps. Suddenly, to the sur-prise of Phelps and his followers, two mem-bers of ACT UP/San Francisco wearing nun's bers of ACT UP/San Francisco wearing nun's habits tossed four vegan and organic banana tofu pies into some of their snarling faces as part of "Operation: Second Phelping."

"Sister Agents Thelma and Louise" ran off, but were quickly apprehended by police and arrested on battery charges.

Just as unexpectedly, inside City Hall, the

beautiful layered cake in the colors of the rainbow flag suddenly collapsed onto the table as Supervisor Michael Yaki and staffers raced to save the multi-layered creation provided by Just Desserts. A momentary collec-tive gasp could be heard just after the cake toppled, but it didn't dampen the spirits of

toppied, but it didn't dampen the spirits of anyone in attendance.

Those were the scenes from the mayor's third same-sex "wedding" ceremony, in which 190 couples from across the state took part. The mayor said he was delighted to "ac-knowledge publicly the relationships of peo-ple of their choosing."

Of the city's 11 supervisors, only Supervisor Amos Brown was missing from the event. Supervisor Alicia Becerril, who has event. Supervisor Alicia Becerril, who has come out against the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence street party celebration on Easter, did attend and was greeted with polite applause. The crowd went wild when openly gay board President Tom Ammiano was introduced.

"The last two weeks our community has

been under assault," Ammiano said, referring to the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco's opposition to both the Easter party and Friday's same-sex ceremony. Am-miano pointed out that the city's domestic partner registry is for straight as well as gay

couples.

Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin, who've been rnyins Lyon and Del Martin, who've been together 46 years, said their vows for the first time Friday night. "We've been accepted as a couple," Lyon said.

Added Martin, "Those people across the street [Phelps and followers] only know hate.
They don't know love."

Pit full of hate

Pit full of hate

Todd Swindell (aka "Sister Thelma") of ACT UP/San Francisco, was one of those arrested after the pieing of Phelps. He and Ed Camp ("Sister Louise") face battery charges stemming from the incident. On Monday, Swindell told the Bay Area Reporter that police shouldn't guard Phelps when he and his entourage come to San Francisco to protest gay events. "There were 50 to 60 cops doing nothing but guarding Phelps. They're expecting the police to be their bodyguards,"

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Anti-United group's excellent ad venture



Hey Mr. Producer: Jeff Getty (far right) confirms his ad vantage during filming.

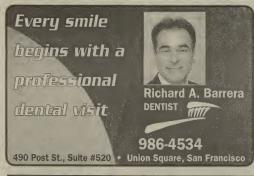
by Mark Norby

The San Francisco-based group Equal Benefits Advocates (EBA) announced Wednesday, March 31 it has produced a 30-second television commercial that will begin airing on several cable channels in Los Angeles and San Francisco next week. The commercial supports the boycott of United Airlines, sparked by both the lawsuit filed against San Francisco by United Airlines and Pat Robertson's American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ), and United's refusal to comply with San Francisco's landmark anti-discrimination law, the equal benefits ordinance. EBA plans to release the comordinance. EBA plans to release the commercial in other major media markets in

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Personal, not political: **Pride rejects gay** candidate's check

by Cynthia Laird

penly gay mayoral candi-date Jim Reid is upset that he won't be allowed to

march in the gay pride celebration as a candidate, and questions the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgen-der Pride Celebration Committee's decision not to accept a check from his campaign, although parade officials emphasized Reid could march in the parade as an

individual.

Calvin Gipson, pride board president, told the Bay Area Reporter Tuesday, March 30, that he's sorry Reid is threatening legal action against the nonprofit organization, but stated both the computer of the state of of the city's Grants for the Arts program that helps fund the an-nual event clearly state candidates for office are not allowed. The rules, however, do allow for par-ticipation by elected officials in

their capacity as incumbents.
Reid maintains that he participated in last year's gay pride event pated in last year's gay pride event as a candidate for supervisor, and wonders why there's an apparent change this year. Gipson, who be-came board president last No-vember, could not say why Reid was apparently able to take part as a candidate last year. "My management style is that we follow the rules," Gipson said. "If the rules were not followed last year! I can't speak to that. In

[last year] I can't speak to that. In the past, there may have been in-

Reid had a meeting with Gipson and pride committee Execu-

tive Director Teddy Witherington last month where the issue was dis-cussed. What bothers Reid is that cussed. What bothers Reid is that Mayor Willie Brown will be able participate in the parade as the mayor, but candidates challenging him cannot be so identified.

The parade committee received \$67,700 from the Grants for the Arts program. According

to regulations covering those funds, "If grant funds are used for a parade or other public event, no a paradeor other public event, no political signs urging the election or defeat of any candidate for po-litical office or any initiative will appear in the parade or event."

"This is not new," Gipson said,

adding the parade committee has received city grant money for several years. He did acknowledge that an error on the committee's parade application may have added to the confusion, as there is a designation for "candidate." Parade applications were mailed out in early January

were mailed out in early January but the forms will be corrected for next year's event, he said. Gipson stressed the pride com-mittee would like Reid to partici-pate and only ask that a personal check be submitted, rather than a "Jim Reid for Mayor Committee"

check.
"There are 200 contingents,
650,000 people, live TV and live
radio," Gipson said, referring to
the huge pride parade. "We don't
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TG woman sues city over strip search

by Cynthia Laird

post-operative transgender woman is suing the city and the San Francisco Sheriff's Department as a result of what she says was an unlawful strip search following a June 1996 ar rest. Settlement talks between the

she says was all ulliarita strip-search following a June 1996 arrest. Settlement talks between the two sides have been unsuccessful and the case is scheduled for an April 12 jury trial in United States District Court in San Francisco. Plaintiff Victoria Schneider alleges she endured a "humiliating" strip search after she was initially booked into county jail as a male following her arrest on a solicitation charge the night of June 13; minutes later the booking classification was changed to female. Throughout the incident, Schneider protested being listed as a male and said records would confirm her gender as female.

Schneider is suing the city for unspecified damages, and alleges she was strip searched in violation of federal and state law.

"I consider what they did as rape," Schneider told the Bay Area Reporter in an interview Monday, March 29. "They forced me to take my clothes off."

In court documents, Schneider said her requests that deputies check her gender on a computer database were ignored. Schneider, whose last gender reassignment surgeries were performed in 1992, had previously taken copies of her birth certificate and other documents to sheriff's department personnel following a 1993 incident in which she was placed in a male holding cell and then strip searched. The court records state that she went to legal administrations in the steriff'eden at them to searched. The court records state that she went to legal administrators in the sheriff's department to learn what documentation she needed to provide to avoid a similar incident.

"When I went to file that, they said that this was going to eliminate any further hassles. I trusted them, it was the legal department," Schneider said.

Schneider, who's being represented by attorneys Nanci Clarence,



Plaintiff Victoria Schneider

Karen Snell, and Kate Stoia of the Clarence & Snell law firm, told the *B.A.R.* that she has endured intru-Clarence & Snell law firm, told the B.A.R. that she has endured intrusive questioning by deputy city attorneys and fears an attempt will be made in court to discredit her testimony because of who she is. The two sides have been far apart in settlement talks. Schneider said the city's strategy has been that no one remembered the incident, then they moved to arguing what they did was justified. Now, they're saying the incident didn't happen and Schneider is lying.

"They've asked questions such as whether I've been a female all my life and my transition issues," Schneider said.
Additionally, Schneider maintains the jail medic medically cleared her. During his deposition, longtime medic Mike Fowler testified that in June 1996 his evaluation of Schneider showed "no signs or symptoms of drug addiction." His report also describes Schneider as a female.

Switching tactics

In court papers, the city's original defense strategy appeared to be to argue that the sheriff's department did have cause to strip search Schneider because its policy, in part, is to strip search people who are detained and who have a criminal history involving drugs, weapons, or violence. Schneider did have a 1995 drug case on her state record, although she success-fully completed diversion and all

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criminal charges were dismissed.

Schneider, however, stated that according to the computer printout of her statewide record that was subpoenaed by her attorneys, no inquiry was made into the state system on the evening of her arrest and strip search. That discovery has resulted in the city switching tactics and now the city claims it never occurred and that Schneider is histrionic about gender issues.

Eileen Hirst, chief of staff to Sheriff Mike Hennessey, told the B.A.R. that the department's strip search policy is that arrestees can be subject to such a search if charged with a crime involving drugs, weapons, or violence; if detainees have a recent criminal history involving drugs or weapons;

tory involving drugs or weapons; or where there's appropriate custo-dial reason to do so. She declined

dial reason to do so. She declined further comment on the case, as did Deputy City Attorney Monica Wiley, who's defending the city. Schneider is no longer working as a prostitute and has a job doing HIV outreach through the University of California, San Francisco. She said that if successful her case, would help other women.

co. She said that if successful her case would help other women who endure strip searches. "Women are the only ones stripped," she said. "Men are padded and they [officers] use wands." She also hopes that if successful, personnel in the sheriff's department will receive sensitivity sensitivity.

department will receive sensitivity training on transgender issues.

criminal charges were dismissed.

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Parr's designs are now used for producing children's books, toys, clothing and collectibles, each containing simple shapes, colors, and graphics that readily translate to young minds. Creating children's toys that are all-inclusive, whether queer-friendly, racial-friendly, criest human, friendly. friendly, or just human-friendly, Parr expresses the simplicity and beauty of every person. The exhibit at FAO Schwartz runs through the first week of May, and is free to the public. ▼

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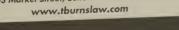
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New HIV, AIDS info at San Mateo County meeting this week

by Marv. Shaw

by Mark Norby

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gallery owners, curators, and the San Francisco art scene. But as he began to explore other options in his art, Parr realized his designs had another audience. He then

presented his work to groups of children whose responses were positive, which gave him the im-petus to specifically create child-oriented art and a line of prod-

ucts dedicated to them.

Now critics from different areas – whether in the art world

or in the manufacturing business

– are recognizing the value of Parr's appeal to younger minds. San Francisco critics familiar with Parr's children's work now

call him the "Keith Haring for

"It's been a struggle to get my work out there," Parr told the Bay Area Reporter. "With retailers willing to go with the tried-and-true kids' products – like Winnie the Pooh and Disney – I've had to

every latest information on HIV and AIDS will be pre-sented to all concerned San Mateo County residents at a town hall meeting this Tuesday evening, April 6, at the Fair Oaks Commu-nity Center, 2600 Middlefield Road, Redwood City, moderator

Michael Edell has announced.

"Of course, not everyone is infected with the virus, but it is im-

as it is possible to know, to inform those dear to us for their benefit,"

Edell stated, emphasizing the purpose of the program.

Concentrating on findings from the Sixth Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections, featured speakers will be Dr. Dennis Israeleski, who is a professor of medicine at Stanford and director of the San Mateo County AIDS Program; and Luther C. Brock, Sr., coordinator of community education and out-

or community education and out-reach for the AIDS Community Research Consortium (ACRC) Opening with food and bever-ages at 6 p.m., the program begins at 6:30 and runs until 8:30. Atten-

des are urged to call the ACRC of-fice at (650) 364-6563 by April 2. In addition to ACRC and the San Mateo County AIDS Program, participating organizations include ELLIPSE AIDS services, Free at Last, and Nuestro Canto de Salud.

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Fracas ensues at **DPH** sex club meeting

by Liz Highleyman

Health (DPH) community forum on sex club regulations held last Wednesday, March 24 did not go as planned for city Health Director Dr. Mitch Katz and Dana Van Gorder, the DPH's coordinator of lesbian and gay health services

health services. Katz arrived 10 minutes late,

Katz arrived 10 minutes late, which allowed gadfly activist Michael Petrelis to take control of the floor and select speakers for the first 75 minutes of the 90-minute meeting.

The forum was held so that community members could give input on DPH's regulations concerning commercial sex establishments. The "Minimum Standards for the Operation of Sex Clubs ments. The Minimum Standards for the Operation of Sex Clubs and Parties" were originally devel-oped as voluntary guidelines by DPH and the Coalition for Healthy Sex, a group of sex club owners and AIDS educators. They were instituted as mandatory res-

owners and AIDS educators. They were instituted as mandatory regulations in early 1997.

Considerable debate about the regulations took place in the first half of 1997, but died down in August after Dr. Sandra Hernandez resigned as public health director to lead the San Francisco Foundation, and DPH made it known that no decisions would be known that no decisions would be made until a new director was named. Mayor Willie Brown se-lected Katz to fill the position in January 1998.

The most controversial regula-

tions are the prohibition on lock-ing doors on rooms or cubicles and the requirement that all spaces must be monitored by club personnel. Many members of the gay community make a distinc-tion between "sex clubs," which do not have locking private spaces, and "bathhouses" which have pri-vate rooms. Establishments with private rooms were banned in San Francisco in 1984. There are cur-rently no bathhouses in the city,

rently no bathhouses in the city, but they do exist in neighboring Berkeley and San Jose. Much of the public testimony at the meeting echoed that put forward during the 1997 debates before the DPH, the Human Rights Commission, the Health Commission, and the Harvey. Commission, and the Harvey Milk Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Democratic Club.



Health Director Dr. Mitch Katz faced angry activists after defending his department's safe-sex guidelines during a town meeting on March 24.

'The world of casual sex'

'The world of casual sex'
Petrelis spoke of the need to
"expose the hypocrisy" of the city's
bathhouse policy, and promoted
the use of the Reality internal "female" condom for anal sex. Petrelis garnered applause when he
asserted that the DPH "cannot
present science" substantiating
their claims that closed rooms
promote the transmission of HIV.
Katz later said that studies could
neither support nor refute that hyneither support nor refute that hypothesis. Petrelis, who accused Van Gorder and Katz of frequent-Van Gorder and Katz of frequenting bathhouses in neighboring cities and bookstores in San Francisco that do not adhere to the regulations, said "they cannot be allowed to enjoy sexual freedoms that the rest of us must fight for." Katz said that he had never been to a bathhouse, while Van Gorder stated that he has always admitted that he is "an active participant in the world of casual sex."

Richard Carazza of Communi-

Richard Carazza of Communi-ty United for Sexual Privacy (CUSP), which formed in January (COSP), which formed in January 1997 to advocate for reform of the city's bathhouse policy, asserted that the sex club regulations are "a violation of our civil right to sex-ual self-determination." He added that gay men risk violence when they bring strangers to their homes in search of the privacy de-nied at sex clubs, and further noted that many young, poor, and closeted men do not have "the luxury of private homes." Carazza concluded that the vast majority of gay men take responsibility for their health and the health of their partners, and that the city "won't change the behavior of the

minority by restricting the rights of the majority." Paul Cotten, of the Steamworks bathhouse in Berkeley, depage 23 ▶

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Fair assessme

n Tuesday night, as the Catholic League vs. Sisters of Perpetual Indul-gence controversy accelerated into its gence controversy accelerated into its third week, we saw President Clinton on television soberly decrying those people who can only define themselves by what they are not and only feel better about themselves by holding others down. It turned out he was talking about Yugoslavians who hate other Yugoslavians because of ancient ethnic differences, but it seems applicable to all people who hate based on applicable to all people who hate based on any superficial difference. Such as people who hate gay people and demand that we remain locked in joyless submission, in a world where we have to clear street fairs

with our oppressors.

Notice that we are not equating the actions of the Catholic Church and Catholic League – demanding that the city rescind a street closure permit for the Sisters and then threatening a boycott when their demand wasn't honored – with the actions of alleged war criminals. A lot of equating lately has been over the top, however you define that phrase, with the Sisters bearing the brunt of it. (So far Catholic spokespeople have com-pared them with neo-Nazis and the Ku Klux Klan, as if there were no difference between

Klan, as if there were no difference between mocking religious imagery and murdering people. Please!) But frankly, there's no need to bring elaborate analogies into play when discussing the actions of the more intolerant Catholic hard-liners, when the facts themselves are startling enough.

Let's establish this fact, first of all: The closure of a street is a matter of safety, not a municipal validation of beliefs. It is simply outrageous for anyone to suggest the city should throw open the gates to traffic during a street fair for any reason, least of all because those making the suggestion hate those doing the partying. Even a minor accident would leave the city liable in a case bound to cost taxpayers a few million dollars; more importantly, the city does not have to provide human sacrifices for any religious group.

ligious group.

Shame on the Catholic Archdiocese for

making the demand, and shame on the Catholic League for sticking its nose into this civic matter. And shame on the rest of the less tolerant religious radicals for ignoring Supervisor Mark Leno, when he sensibly brought up some of these safety issues at Monday's Board of Supervisors meeting, and for continuing

to demand the indefensible.

Speaking of supervisors, and shame, the newest supe in town is shame, the newest supe in town is turning out to be the worst disappointment in memory. Alicia Becerril's outburst at Monday's meeting, where she lambasted openly gay colleague Tom Ammiano (who serves as board president, no less; although Becerril has only been on the board for fewer than a dozen meetings, she should know that he – and all the other supes – deserves better treatment) showed that she is totally unfit for the job. It **Editorial**

is too late for Mayor Brown to not appoint

her, but it is not too late for her to resign.
So much fallout from an Easter party. So

So much fallout from an Easter party. So much hostility and anger and division, unleashed by an archdiocese that surely knew what it was doing. Such a shame. Like last week, and always, we encourage those who would do honor to God—any God—to do it in a way that honors creation. Honor life, joy, humor, and the miracle of creation. Not with sticks and stones and words of hasticks and stones and words of ha-

And pray for an end to war, whether you celebrate Easter, Passover, or any other religious holiday. Or none of the above.

See you at the street fair.

For a list of street fair events, see the Calendare on page 42.



Easter time, liberation time

by Bartholomew T. Casimir

eing spiritual we would always find God in the very midst of the struggle for freedom and human dignity as

God in the very midst of the struggle for freedom and human dignity as Martin Luther King, Jr. so eloquently professed. Unlike the image of the "Unmoved Mover" (i.e., the God who acts but is never acted upon), by being spiritual we always envisioned a God of pathos who weeps for her children's oppression, conspires on the side of the oppressed against oppressors, and acts to set her people free.

Human liberation and freedom are transcendent values, fundamental to our relationship with each other and to loving God. When our freedom and liberation are rooted in our understanding of the intent and will of God, we are not dependent on the ability of those in power to recognize God's intent for us to be who we are. God desires freedom and liberation. It is this understanding that sent Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. out of his pulpit and with Bayard Rustin into the streets and into the pages of history during the civil rights movement. This ry during the civil rights movement. This desire empowered King to accept Rustin as the organizer of his civil rights march and movement, despite the homophobia ex-pressed toward him by other black leaders. Rejecting laws in cities and states that gave public sanction to segregation, homopho-bia, and injustice, he implicitly understood that such things were contrary to his un-derstanding God's will for his life and thus required civil disobedience.

Our spiritual understanding of human liberation and freedom as transcendent norms should become tools for critiquing all of human relationships, religious tenets, societal laws, the United States Constitution, and even liberation movements themselves: Are they life-enhancing? Do they acknowledge human dignity and worth? Are their effects to bring justice for all God's people? Living with our self-actualization and our quest for a spiritual life brings forth these questions, which must be answered when human liberation is understood as instigat-ed and actively pursued by the will and in-tent of God. Spirituality does answer these questions with justice and without defenses. There came a time galv on in many of

There came a time early on in many of our lives, when wholeness and integrity demand that we choose liberation from the closet rather than be less than who we are. Living with HIV has shown us how our lives on earth is a temporary state and has propelled us beyond this temporality to a state of great vastness of continuance. In choosing an exodus from the closet toward a Promised Land of our

human rights, we began our spiritual journey out. Therefore, it is of the ut-most importance for those whose lives are shut behind closed doors, to

whose lives are sufficiently constructed to open them and come out and embrace spirituality as your power on Easter Sunday.

Being spiritual is intimately concerned with human liberation and empowerment.

At the heart of this concern is an affir-

mation that human beings are of sacred worth – God's original blessing, the bless-ing woven into the texture of who we are – ing woven into the texture of who we are — that is surely ours even as our fingerprints or every single hair upon our heads and body are part of us. What would it be like if we who are born with the cognizance of our feelings for the same gender, believed at the core of our being and lived our lives as if we are an intricate part of God's plan of creation, rather than a product of human sinfulness? What does this affirmation have to say about our identities, our "closetedness" and our freedom?

and our freedom?

Perhaps the distinctive witness I have seen and have to offer as a black gay man in-

volved in the civil rights movement as an adolescent, is simply that such living is pos-sible despite what seems to be overwhelming evidence to the contrary. Living spiritually gives one a unique perspective on the purpose of life, overcoming the experiences purpose of life, overcoming the experiences of oppression, and still demanding the liberation and freedom of self-actualization. What I have to pass on is the knowledge forged at the core of my being: that in the end all struggles for liberation converge into a common struggle, and that despite our dif-ferences, all people share a common human-ity under the loving eye of the Creator. This

awareness is gained by loving oneself and finding God's power, while continuing a journey from within.

God power - not religious power – gives us our spir-itual nutrients, providing light, love, and energy, il-

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Guest Opinion

light, love, and energy, illuminating our highest sense of spiritual actualization.

From my spiritual point of view, Easter means the executioners don't have the last word. The paramount significance of the crucifixion and resurrection are the celebration of it as the triumph of the divine conspiracy. Easter is ultimately about freedom. It is the time that we as same-gender-loving humans should claim as our spiritual eelebration. We should start this on Easter Sunday in support of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. They have been bringing us this spiritual power for 20 years. In fact, we should make this a day of celebration of our freedom and liberation, in addition to our freedom and liberation, in addition to

Fride Day.

Beginning with this last Easter Sunday of the millennium, we should declare Easter as a time for us to celebrate our love for each other and the universe. It is the time that we must celebrate our liberation, our freedom from living in a Good Friday world. ▼

LETTERS

Sadie's friend, the rector

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I think the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence should be supported in their Easter 20th anniversary effort. ["Sisters' party is nun too soon, say two supes," March 25.] A number of the Sisters have been members of Trinity and other Episcopal Churches in SF. Sister Sadie, Sadie, the Rabbi Lady (Gil Block) is a personal friend. I have written a letter supporting Sadie's application for a book writing grant.

The Roman Catholic Church is quite wrong in its silly opposition to the sisters' delightful silliness.

Robert Warren Cromey Rector, Trinity Episcopal Church San Francisco

No, Ostara is not a fat substitute

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese has decided to The Roman Catholic Archdiocese has decided to use misinformation to portray a gay charitable and satirical group, the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, as "bad." Catholics demand that they must not be permitted to celebrate their 20th anniversary on its date. This is a completely moralist and authoritarian perspective that is more at home in the Middle Ages than spective that is more at home in the Middle Ages than in a democratic, pluralist society, like that emerging in the City of Saint Francis.

The Sisters were one of the first – if not the first – gay groups to publish and distribute safe sex pamgay groups to publish and distribute safe sex pamphlets, at a time when the gay community was reeling from the earliest waves of deaths from AIDS. The Sisters have been fundraising for numerous community organizations and educating us for 20 years.

us for 20 years.

The gay community and all of San Francisco can be very proud of these men and women for their courage, creative wit. flair for the dramatic, their completely fabulous names, and their habits, which are truly remarkable statements. Every time Lee a sister out and about 16 nd.

time I see a sister out and about, I find just a little more strength to cope with personal and communal struggles and even a little more joy about life, the universe, and everything.

The ancient celebration of the Vernal Equinox, a

fle ancient celebration of the vernal Equinos, a festival called Ostara, was appropriated by the Catholic Church, as was every other major pagan cel-ebration. The fact that the Sisters are celebrating their anniversary on Ostara, a pagan holiday later adopted by Christians as Easter, could be a time for celebratby Christians as Easter, could be a time for celebrating our common joy at the return of spring and a time for hope, as Mother Earth reawakens and the great circle of life continues. Our brightly decorated eggs, the egg hunts, and the bunny rabbit all symbolize hope, potential, and life rising from the darkness of winter. Seems to me that the Sisters are perpetrating laughter, joy, and genuine support for the community's neediest folks in the face of the Church's usual attempts to squash dissent and diversity.

Reverend James Lovette-Black San Francisco

Blessed are ... who, exactly?

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We of the gay community should never allow our selves to fall victim to the practice of ignoring the sensitivities and sincere values of others. The concept of "do unto others" is very important to the success our community has experienced over the past decade in our relationships with others who previously shunned our company. It is we who made the first step ... who initiated initial contact ... who made it clear we all have much more in common that not.

From a personal standpoint, I find the harsh impersonal "media" debate between the Catholic Church and the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence to be bereft of logic, and discussion of past actions of ill will and threats of recrimination to be contrary to the precepts held by both organizations.

As a non-church going Christian, a state of mind

cepts held by both organizations.

As a non-church going Christian, a state of mind which I regret but need not belabor herein, I recognize Easter Sunday as a holy day of reflection and given the dramatic turnaround of my health in my struggle against AIDS – a day of prayerful thanks. Consequently, and in addition to my innate proclivity to defer to the obviously sincere religious beliefs of others, I do recognize Easter Sunday as a rather special time. But I also deeply respect that which the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence have accomplished on behalf of those less fortunate in San Francisco over these past 20 years.

behalf of those less fortunate in San Francisco over these past 20 years.

So, my question concerning this debate becomes not "whom to agree with or support" but "where are the peacemakers?" Would not the Sisters consider delaying their 20th anniversary celebration for one week so that the devout of our gay community may not have to choose between celebrating the life and residual to the support of the suppo have to choose between celebrating the life and re-birth of Christ – or celebrating the two decade success of one of our most charitable, albeit outrageous, or-ganizations? And would not the Catholic Diocese of San Francisco consider lending their support for such a celebration on Sunday, April 11? Where are the peacemakers?

Kevin Wadsworth Johnson

Pulpit fiction

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As a Jewish gay man, I am doubly insulted by the recent accusations of insensitivity hurled at the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence by some local Catholic officials and laypersons.

To compare the Sisters, a small, grassroots volunteer organization whose members have promoted life, joy, justice, and charitable giving to those in need, to neo-Nazi organizations, whose members represent a totalitarian, military dominated regime which brutally enslaved and systematically exterminated over six million of my people (both Jewish and gay) is not only logically indefensible but morally offensive. Such a comparison both trivializes the singular horror of genocide carried out against the Jewish people by the Nazis, and mocks the lives of those who perished in or survived through this experience.

Nazis, and mocks the lives of those who perished in or survived through this experience.

These Catholic officials have some nerve accusing others of prejudice and intolerance and claiming the mantle of victimization when the Catholic Church is one of the most anti-gay and anti-woman institution on the face of the Earth. I suggest that these individuals look inward and clean up their own house of bigotry before casting these aspersions against others.

Although I am not Christian, I look forward to celebrating Easter Sunday with the Sisters who, as far as I can tell, represent the best values of Christianity which I also share: compassion for the stranger in our midst, and justice for those who have long been excluded from power.

cluded from power.

The Faith of the dictators

So the Roman Catholic archdiocese vants to shut down a street party. Why

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do these ecclesiastical dignitaries never
remember that their supposed founder
once said "Blessed are you when men
revile you and persecute you, for great is your reward
in heaven?" Is it because they've learned over the centuries that it's, a lot more fun to be the ones doing the

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turies that it's, a lot more fun to be the ones doing the reviling and persecuting?

Then a spokesman for the church of Franco Mussolini and Pinochet has the nerve to compare the Sisters' shindig to "allowing a group of neo-Nazis" to celebrate. Actually, it's more like allowing a ragtag group of religious rebels to stage a parade with palms and donkeys while the authorities of church and state plan to arrest and crucify the guy who's filling people's heads with ideas of freedom, justice, compassion, and equality.

Matthew Murdoch San Francisco

Easter: A wholly owned subsidiary

Once again love – here in the form of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence – is in danger of being trampled by Christian soldiers marching on to war.

Contrary to its position, the Roman Catholic Church owns neither Easter nor a patent on the design of nuns' habits. Nuns of other Christian denominations (Episcopalians, for example) also wear habits, but those churches aren't complaining about the Sisters. It's clear that the Roman Catholic Church hasn't yet gotten over the fact that it no longer constants.

hasn't yet gotten over the fact that it no longer con-trols the Western world. Time to adjust! Over the centuries, here's how the Roman Catholic Over the centuries, here's how the Roman Catholic Church has treated us gays: with humiliation, excommunication, arrest, ostracism, torture, banishment, mutilation, and death. So I don't feel sorry that the archdiocese's sensibilities are offended over a little harmless festivity by a charitable group. Even today, the pope proclaims that people are sinful if they have gay sex. (On the irony front: anyone out there in Readerland, if you've ever had sex with a Roman Catholic cardinal, bishop, priest, monk, or nun, clap your hands. *Oooooh, what a din!*)

I think it's fine that churches will be holding services on Easter. At the same time, I'm overjoyed to live in a time and a country where religions no longer have the power to force people to bend to their ide-

have the power to force people to bend to their ide-ologies. On Easter Sunday, I'll be celebrating with the Sisters on Castro, where people won't be put down – let alone tortured or killed – for being themselves. So I ask, who comes closer to the meaning of love: the Roman Catholic Church or the Sisters of Perpet-ual Indulgence?

John Gildersleeve San Francisco

Hey, pull my finger-fate!

I see that those impish pranksters, the Sisters, continue to hold the finger-fate of gay people to the flame, assuring that we will all leave this world in a blaze, not of glory but of incrimination.

I strongly suggest that these people dress as frogs and hop along croaking, croaking, croaking...

Leland Mellott San Francisco

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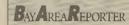
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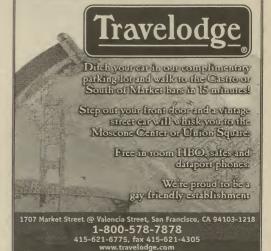
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What HLS is really about

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As co-directors of the Hermanos de Luna y Sol
Program, we feel compelled to write to clarify some of
the points made by Mr. Edward Gonzales in his letter
to you. ["Wasted Resources," February 25.]

Hermanos de Luna y Sol (HLS) was launched in
1995 as an HIV prevention program targeting Latino
gay and bisexual men, particularly monolingual,
Spanish-speaking recent immigrants. The program
was started with direct funds from the Centers for
Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and currently receives its funds from the CDC through the city.
The psycho-cultural or contextual model upon which
HLS was built attempts to address issues behind a HLS was built attempts to address issues behind a person's ability to enact safer behaviors; these include

homophobia, racism, poverty, and others.

The demonstration at the Stud was not organized by HLS. The matter was discussed at length at a group meeting, HLS, as a group, offered full support to the organizers of the demonstration as the use of the term "wetback" was deeply offensive to many group

organizers of the demonstration as the use of the term "weback" was deeply offensive to many group participants as well as to program staff.

Mr. Gonzales states he has attended some of our monthly meetings, if this is the case then he has not yet had an opportunity to experience the full depth of the program. Our monthly meetings or Encuentos are held every seven weeks with the purpose of bringing together as many program participants as possible. The Encuentros are also the time when those who just finished our initial six-week cycle meet the "graduates" of the program.

We'are intrigued by the fact that by attending a couple of these meetings Mr. Gonzales "found that the majority of the membership are illegal immigrants." We are an HIV prevention program, not an outpost of the INS. We are not concerned with the immigration status of the participants. Last time we checked, people were not required to produce a green card before they had sex. Furthermore, Mr. Gonzales also states that as a Mexican-American he is "offendcard before they had sex. Furthermore, Mr. Gonzales also states that as a Mexican-American he is "offended that they use government monies that we as U.S. citizens have paid to support the government and they overload our health services without contributing to the system." As Latinos ourselves, we are saddened by the hostility of this comment. It is worth mentioning that all of HLS participants pay sales taxes and taxes on every service they use, just like everybody else. Moreover, one of the reasons we hold the sessions after 6 p.m. is because, shocking as this may be, the vast majority of our clients work, often more than one job. Many also volunteer at several agencies in the city, and many attend school.

We are looking forward to the day when we will all be able to appreciate the contributions that each one of us makes to society.

Jose Ramon Fernandez-Pena, MD, MPA, Director, Health Education and Prevention Brenda Y. Storey, LCSW, Director HIV Services Hermanos de Luna y Sol

Bathhouse education

I am in total agreement with Race Bannon's March 18 letter "Tell a tubber," concerning the reopening of bathhouses in San Francisco, and I hope it will get others to express their opinions on this subject.

The Steamworks in Berkeley is a fine example of how the bathhouses can help educate men in safe-sex practices. I have written to Board of Supervisors President Tom Ammiano about this subject to no avail.

Keep up the good work

Keep up the good work.

John H. Wallroff San Francisco

Red flags for White

So, a lot of gay men say they voted for Dan White because he was cute, "they had a vote to spare," and he couldn't be dangerous?" [Editorial, March 4.]

If they did vote for White, they in fact did not have If they did vote for White, they in fact did not have a vote to spare. He was not elected citywide, but from a district, in which folks had only one vote. White was from the Excelsior/Visitacion Valley. Not a lot of gay folks there in 1977, certainly not compared to Harvey Milk's district, which included the Castro and Haight. Districts were repealed in 1980 as a direct result of the assassinations on arguments that districts led to divisive politics. People of extremes, like both White and Milk, would never have been elected, it was said.

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White not dangerous? He said this in his campaign brochure that I quote from as I type this: "I am not going to be forced out of San Francisco by splinter groups of radicals and social deviates. ... I have committed myself to the confrontation which can no longer be avoided." I disclosed this brochure that election season as a reporter for the B.A.R., and it was picked up by the daily press. Knowing where I was coming from, White told me he was not talking about

gay people, but instead hippies and druggies. But the warning flag was there for anyone to see.

As I look again at this 22-year-old campaign brochure, yes, Dan White was cute. George W. Bush doesn't come close. (But maybe Dan Quayle does.)

San Francisco

Seeking verbal honey

Concerning the Gaither demo, as reported by Mark Norby ['Gaither vigil powerful, but attendance is low,' March 18]: organizers of queer marches might get more participants if they would assemble at the safe and familiar corner of 18th and Castro, not at night in a park known for dealing.

Also, we activists must refrain from openly voicing the safe and t

anger at uninvolved onlookers, who "just stand there and look pretty." Verbal vinegar will pickle their apathy into antipathy, further delaying the day when

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Effete, tweaked, reactionary, apathetic?

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When asked at a MCC presentation if she believed gay activists should take up issues such as homelessness within their communities Chastity Bono replied, "I am not my brother's keeper. The days of street activism are over. Now we have power lunches with Disney executives or speak to the president on the phone." Her answer was greeted with thunderous applause. I wondered at the time how effective a phone call to a president who was on his way to being publicly castrated could possibly be, but didn't bother to ask. Instead I noted in my journal "audience applauds its own complacency."

ask. Instead I noted in my journal "audience applauds its own complacency."

So with that in mind I read the report of the Saturday March 13 poor turnout for Billy Jack Gaither. Billy Jack Gaither's horrific murder did not receive the media attention that Matthew Shepard's continues to receive. On the Richter scale of big stories Billy Jack registered a pitiful 4.6 while Matthew was more in the range of a 8.1. S.F's gay community, spoon-fed celebrity worship, mistaking gay liberation for a Calvin Klein underwear ad, positioning a racist hack as the head of their Human Rights Campaign, subscribing to backward conformist values (marriage, as the head of their Human Rights Campaign, subscribing to backward conformist values (marriage, military service), and brainwashed from 17 years of AIDS hysteria, is too effete, tweaked, reactionary, or just plain apathetic to get out into the streets and send a clear message to the right wing zealots who have unleashed this current reign of terror.

I received a call today from a friend who lives in North Carolina: it seems a gay man's decapitated head was found on a footpath at a cruising park. Also this week in S.F.'s own Castro, a group of young men attacked a gay man on 18th Street. Clearly the murderous violence being directed at gay men is not going away.

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away.

It is important to point out when discussing the
roots of gay liberation that both NYC's Stonewall and
S.F's White Night Riots were expressions of gay rage.
And the gay liberation struggle started with drunk and
rowdy drag queens, hustlers, and out of control faggots that are no longer allowed to bang out on the corner of 18th and Castro. The so-called "leadership" of
S.F's gay community has opted for the yuppie power
lunch crowd. Equipped with cell phones and business
cards, nonprofit AIDS agencies boast CEOs but no
services. The streets of the Castro are indistinguishable from those of Boulder or Palo Alto. A tour guide
lobbies for a mural of Harvey Milk while simultaneously working on a campaign to kick the homeless out
of the neighborhood. Homosexual cops in uniform
harass "freaky" looking alternative types walking down
Castro Street. The entire community looks like a facsimile of itself and everyone feigns disappointment
because no one wants to march in the streets.

S.F's gay community get a clue! You say, you don't
care about the homeless just get them out of the
neighborhood. You say, you want to enlist and drop
bombs on foreign lands, come home and die of radiation poisoning. You allow one of the most crooked
mayors in this city's history to use the issue of gay
marriage as a cover for his outdated "liberalism" while
he destroys whatever soul is left of S.F. You say, AZIsaved my life and refuse to discuss the possibility that
HIV does not cause AIDS.

You keep the baths closed, dancing out of the Castroon and marginalize the very people who represent diversity, creativity, and audacity. In essence you take a
thoroughly reactionary position and when the hate
mongers launch a campaign all you can do is complain about the apathy you so readily embrace.

You can bet Jerry Falwell is laughing all the way to
the bank. Rumor has it he invested in Teletubbies before he issued hi

Correction: Jorge Rodriguez-Sanabria's letter printed in the March 18 issue, "The mouse (rat) that roared," should have read, in part: "I differed very much from Mr. Gonzales's claim
that in these organizations, they don't talk about
HIV prevention. Much less that the majority of us
participants are illegal immigrants."
We apologize for the error.

Latino activists dampen Davis's, **Dems' victory party**

by Wayne Friday

ipper Gore, wife of likely 2000 Democratic presidential nominee Al Gore, addressed the state Democratic Party Convention in Sacramento last weekend, filling in for her husband and President **Bill Clin-ton**, who canceled because he decided to stay in Washington to monitor the Kosovo situation.

The convention was meant to be a chance for Governor **Gray Davis** and the newly-empowered state Democratic Par shine. For the first time in 16 years party mem-bers had a governor of their own speaking at their state confab, had picked up three state constitutional offices from the Republicans, increased their majori-

ties in the Legislature, and overwhelmingly re-elected a U.S.

However, while Democrats of every stripe were enjoying their newfound strength, Latino acnewlound strength, Latino ac-tivists - an increasingly important piece of the party's winning coali-tion in the state - used the gather-ing to turn up the pressure on the new Democratic governor: they want him to abandon the state's legal defense of Proposition 187, a measure passed by 54 percent of the states voters in 1994 that seeks to deny most public benefits to il-legal immigrants. Last year, after a federal judge threw out the initia-tive, ruling many of its provisions unconstitutional, then-Governor Pete Wilson, a Republican who used 187 as a linchpin of his 1994 used 187 as a linchpin of his 1994 re-election campaign, appealed. Now Davis must decide if he will continue that appeal or abandon the legal defense of the measure; clearly the Latino activists have put Davis on the political hot seat. Indeed, it was none other than Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraines (a. primary supporter

laraigosa (a primary supporter last year of Davis's opponent Al Checchi, incidentally) who said at the convention that Proposi-tion 187 "was the issue that changed the tide in the Latino changed the tide in the Latino community in terms of support-ing the Democratic party; this is a seminal issue for many of us." Vil-laraigosa publicly warned Davis that if he orders the state's lawyers to keep defending Proposition 187's constitutionality, "there will be a great deal on antipathy in the

be a great deal on antipathy in the Latino community."

The governor, who proclaimed in a Saturday address to the con-ventions "what a difference a year wentions what a difference a year makes" (at the Demo convention last year in Los Angeles, Davis, then the lieutenant governor, was dismissed as a bland, under-fund-ed politician with little chance of ed politician with little chance of even being nominated, let alone elected), clearly knows he's in a tough position. If he drops the defense of Proposition 187, as Villaraigosa and other Latino supporters want him to do, he risks alienating the majority of voters who supported it.

Davis opposed Proposition 187 in 1994, but has also repeat-

edly said the will of the voters should be respected, has yet to de-cide what to do, and some politi-cal observers say that in the end, whatever his decision, it is unlikely to cause him major political

Also at the state convention Also at the state convention last weekend, party chair Art Torres – himself a party star again after the Demo victories last year – said he believed voter anger over the impeachment was fading, but others feel it will loom large in next year's elections. Incidentally, a favorite target of Dems at the confab was Representative Jim Rogan, a Southern California Republican who was one of the GOP House impeachment man-

peachment man-agers. Rogan is said to be contemplating a run for incumbent Di-anne Fein-stein's senate seat next year,

which

prompted this response from Senator Barhara Boxer: "I say to Manager Rogan, 'Go for it' A run against Dianne is your quickest way to a quiet life in Pasadena."

way to a quiet life in Pasadena."
(Jubilant Democrats, bent on taking the Southern California House seat now occupied by Rogan, made the Republican congressman the target of many comments: Attorney General Bill Lockyer, in a mock Oscars® ceremony, awarded his "best picture" to "Saving Private Rogan." Lockyer quipped, "It's about a small group of brave Republican foot soldiers sent out into hopeless battle," and added that "Armageddon" was his "best documentary don" was his "best documentary of the Republicans in the 1998 elections.")

Politics and people

To the reader who called (twice) last week regarding the local November election: No, I don't see anyone beating Mayor Willie Brown this year, and yes, I suspect that a credible opponent will emerge against District Attorwill emerge against District Attor-ney Terence Hallinan before the August filing date, although K.O. is the favorite, for now, at least, to win another term.

win another term.

Who's using who here? - Talk
about publicity stunts there was
openly-gay film and stage superstar Sir lan McKellen (who
missed out on an Oscar last week
for his role in Gods and Monsters) escorting First Intern Monica Lewinsky to the London premier of the film last week; they apparently met at a post-Oscars party in L.A. (Well, I can think of at least one thing they likely have in

Ohio Representative **John Kasich**, a Republican contender for the 2000 presidential nomination was in San Francisco this week to raise funds for his bid and stated that any likely Supreme Court nominee in a Kasich administra-tion (as though that's a possibili-ty) would have to face the abor-tion litmus test; like all the other GOP hopefuls, Kasich is strongly

Speaking of which, ain't it fun to watch Texas Governor George
W. Bush and other likely GOP

presential annuales trying to gracefully back away from their well-known strong anti-abortion stance, while die-hard pro-life candidates like Pat Buchanan and Gary Bauer publicly attack Bush, Elizabeth Dole, and other Penublican vanning to have it Bosh, Enzadem bote, and other Republicans wanting to have it both ways for trying to soft-ped-dle their well-known fierce oppo-sition to abortion. (None of the 10 or more candidates for the GOP presidential nomination, in-GOP presidential nomination, incidentally, have endorsed gay rights. Where is former Massachusetts Governor Bill Weld now that the party needs him?)
D.C. insiders say that Jesse Jackson will join House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt and Senate Minority Leader Tour

Senate Minority Leader Tom
Daschle in publicly endorsing Al
Gore over former New Jersey Senator Bill Bradley any day now,
and Jackson reportedly isn't even
asking to be considered for year asking to be considered for veer



Don't ask me why, but John F. Kennedy, Jr.'s George magazine named Fred Phelps, the hatemongering preacher from Kansas (last seen Friday holding a "God Hates Fags" sign outside City Hall in San Francisco during the domestic nartners commitment cermestic partners commitment cer-emony) as one of its "20 Most Fascinating Men in Politics" in the

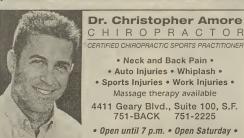
current issue.

Los Angeles County finally created a formal registry for domestic partners last week, providing a centralized list for businessing a centralized list for outsiless-es that extend benefits to non-married couples, but have con-cerns about who may qualify. The registry, modeled after similar lists in other cities, does not confer any benefits on domestic partners, but its advocates, such as L.A. City Councilwoman Jackie Goldherg, a lesbian, hope that it will make it easier for more corpora-tions to liberalize their benefits

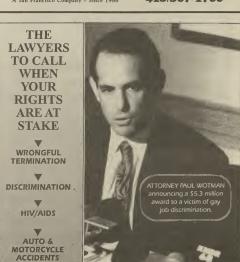
tions to liberalize their benefits policies. Supervisor Mike Antonovich, a conservative Republican, cast the sole nay vote, complaining that it was "pandering to special interests."

Our 'Quote of The Week' by San Francisco Supervisor Gavin Newsom (one of numerous public officials on hand to congratulate those taking part in the mass commitment ceremony of docommitment ceremony of do-mestic partners at City Hall last Friday) Newsom: "I now pro-nounce you ... well, whatever you want to be called, but I say, madly, happily, passionately together congratulations!" ▼



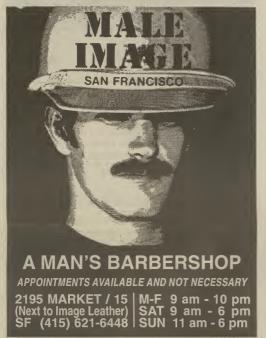






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April fools' month

by Nancy Boutilier

lthough not the solution to ignorance, the designations of some months for conof some months for consciousness raising are steps in the right direction. Having honored Black History Month in February and Women's History Month in March, what I want to know is, that with all the foolishness passing as political debate these days, why do Fools only great a single why do Fools only get a single

So, in honor of April Fools I want to recognize some fools who have been asserting themselves this year. First is Arizona's state Representative Barbara Blewster. In her efforts to outlaw – not just deny – domestic partners benefits to gay men and lesbians, Blewster argued that cultures that have embraced homosexuality have also fostered bestiality, cannibal-

ism, and human sacrifice.

Blewster was not the only fool in that debate. Her Republican colleague Representa-tive Karen Johnson as

serted that homosexuals not only undermine the "natural family," but also exist at the "lower end of the behavior spectrum.

Although Blew ster, when called on her bluster, admit-ted that she didn't

ted that she didn't know any gay people who practiced bestiality, cannibalism, or human sacrifice, she asserted "That's a progression of perversion, as I know it."

Well, the progression of perversion, as I know it, starts with people unwilling to let others define themselves and ends with enough dehumanizing of the enough dehumanizing of the other that some people are able to beat a man to near death and leave him hanging on a fence post in Wyoming, or to pound some-one with an ax handle and set the body aflame, or able to drag a man to death behind a truck. If anyone in our culture is practicing human sacrifice, it's those who have slashed the throat of Lauryn Paige in Austin, stabbed Rita Hester to death, executed Brandon Teena and his friends and killed Chanel Chandler.

Where do you go from there on the spectrum of human be-

In trying to make sense of this horror, I can only look at another spectrum – The Kinsey Scale. In 1948 the Kinsey Report revealed that more than 40 percent of women and 30 percent of men experienced sexual dysfunction experienced sexual dystunction on a regular basis. At that time, researchers thought these findings offered hope; there was information and we could make things better for people.

But a 1992 National Health and Social Life Survey found that 43 percent of men surveyed asknowle

cent of men surveyed acknowl-edged one or more persistent problem with sex.

Perhaps these are the numbers that explain some of the wacky



"MARGA, HONEY! WAIT! APRIL FOOLS!! HONEY???

and dangerous efforts out there to define, limit, condemn, legis-late, in short, to control the sex lives of others

lives of others.

It's all this dysfunction, and the subsequent dissatisfaction with one's own sex life, that has some people so invested in trying to control the sexual gratification of others.

The American Family

Association aded by Dr. Donald E. Wildmon, asserts in an online action alert that "The battle in this coun-

try between those hold-ing to traditional morality and those espousing hedo-nism has reached a

fever pitch, manifested in no clear-er terms that the ideological con-flict over homosexuality."

Dykeotomy

Hedonism?
Hedonism as the polar opposite of the AFA's "traditional site of the AFA's "traditional morality" suggests that we queers simply orgy away the nights and days – wining, dining, and grinding. Sure, it's palm leaves fanning you and a mouthful of grapes for me. But, what I hear from Dr. Wildmon is simply sour grapes.

But beyond sour grapes that

But beyond sour grapes, that simplistic dichotomy of morality and immorality overlooks a set of traditional values that I believe in –love, respect, justice, dignity, and equality. Is it hedonistic to want equality. Is it hedonistic to want equal protection under the law? The right to marry? To serve in the military? To experience a safe classroom or work environment? And, yes, to enjoy fully the spiritual and physical dimensions of our most intimate relationships?!

most intimate relationships?!

Some people seem so fright-ened by the idea that people might actually enjoy sex that I'm starting to admire Bob Dole for his willingness to hawk Viagra.

I'll take that form of hedonism any day, and that's exactly what is represented in the very name of my favorite order, the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. They remain a concrete celebration of main a concrete celebration of that which is neither repressive

that which is neither repressive nor oppressive. How about Alabama Gover-nor Fob James signing a bill ban-ning the sale of sex toys in that state. To a statue prohibiting nude dancing in nightclubs, legislators added a ban on the sale of "any device designed or marketed as

useful primarily for the stimulation of human genital organs." The "crime" is punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$10,000 fine! (A judge with a clearer head fi-nally withdrew the odious addition Tuesday.)

I propose those of us in states

that protect one's right to an or-gasm organize a freedom ride of sorts, a bus full of sex Santas distributing strap-ons and other sex toys to the oppressed and re-

pressed.

Meanwhile in other foolishness, the Heritage Foundation has been calling for a tripling over the already staggering \$250 million that the federal government is giving states to promote chastity until marriage. It's all part of welfare reform, they claim. In fact, Representative Bill Archer, (R-Texas), chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, has said that one of his own legislative priorities would be increasing the abstinence-education funding. If abstinence-education funding. If you ask me, it's a fine line between abstinence-education and abstaining from education.

Bravo to our state legislators

matching funds to qualify for the federal aid last year, making California the only state to refuse participation in the abstinence

program.
Mind you, I have nothing against abstinence itself, and I am all in favor of offering chastity as a safe sex practice. However, many of the projects designed under this program are abstinence-only programs, which leave out some of the most necessary facts about sex, packaged with a dangerous set of moral judgments, and topped with a blurred line between church and state.

Speaking of abstinence, there's a market for chastity chic. Teens a market for chastity chic. Ieens are out there buying covenant rings, love-test pendants, and baseball caps sporting the slogans "Bod 4 God," "Abstinence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder," and my favorite product – the "I'm Worth Waiting For" boxer short sold by the Catholic Diocese of

cover dyke has slipped a little subversion into this entrepre-neurial effort. Only a lesbian could have coined the poster slo-gan: "Pet Your Dog, Not Your Date," as we know there's actual-Date, as we know there's actually never been a documented les-bian date in this century of U-meet, U-haul. Of course, Repre-sentative Blewster would say this was a show of bestiality.

Anyway, there's enough fools and foolishness out there to last us well past the end of this month. In fact, I fear we've got a whole Fool's Millennium ahead of us. We certainly have one behind us. ▼

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Times for examination of anti-gay immigration laws

by Jerry Weinstein, GLAAD publications manager

n 1996 Congress revised U.S. immigration laws making it more difficult to obtain U.S. citizenship. Recent articles in the New York Times and the Los Angeles Times effectively illustrate the prejudice and bigotry that subprejudice and bigotry that subjects lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) immigrants to hostility and skepticism by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS).

Andrew Jacobs wrote in the March 23 New York Times a poignant and thorough piece on the devastating impact of the discriminatory and anti-gay laws that often force low terms. force long-term, com-mitted LGBT relation-ships between U.S. citi-

portation. Reporters Joseph Trevino and Patrick J

zens and immigrants to end as a result of de-

McDonnell wrote in the March 13 L.A. Times how LGBT Mexican immigrants seeking asylum in the U.S., based on the violence and oppression they face, are often de-

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oppression they face, are often de-nied citizen their claims by preju-dicial and bigoted U.S. judges. Please thank the L.A. Times and the New York Times for shed-ding light on the obstacles facing LGBT immigrants. Contact Michael Parks, Man-aging Editor, Los Angeles Times, Times Mirror Square, Los Ange-les CA 90053 fax: (213) 237.

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letters@latimes.com: and Bill Keller, Managing Editor, New York Times, 229 West 43 rd Street, New York, NY, 10036-3959, fax: (212) 556-3690, email: letters@nytimes.com.

Seventeen comes out

The April 1999 issue of Seven-teen magazine features a piece by Robert Rorke entitled, "Coming Out in America." Senior Features Editor Rorke has written a sensitive treatment of gay teens and the difficulties they often face in coming out to their families, and at their schools, ending with a helpful list of resources available to teens questioning their sexual-

ity.
Please thank Seventeen magazine for this fine story.

Contact Carole Braden, Senior

Features Editor, Seventeen, 850 Third Avenue, New York, NY

Mimi snags the crossdressing Carey

The storyline of the Wednesday, March 24 episode of *The Drew Carey Show* focused on Drew's brother Steve, (John Carallel Lands)

Drew's brother Steve, (John Carroll Lynch), a cross-dresser, and his romantic interlude with Mimi, Drew's archenemy. At the outset of his date with Mimi, Steve shocked her by wearing a dress. However, they had such great chemistry that Mimi eventually accepted his attire, and the two shared a hot night on Drew's kitchen floor. The Drew Carey Show is a 1999 GLAAD Media Award nominee because of daring storylines such as last week's. (In

storvlines such as last week's. (In storylines such as last weeks. (In fact, Steve Carey remains the only transgender character on prime-time TV today, portrayed as possibly the most stable character on a show with a cast of eccentrics.)

Please thank the producers of Drew Carey again for the daring, original, funny, and trans-inclu-

original, Tunny, and trans-inclusive work.
Contact Ms. Deborah Oppenheimer, Executive Producer, The Drew Carey Show, c/o Warner Bros. Television, Burbank, CA 91522-0191.

Cupid hits bull's-eye in love matters

In the February/March issue of A. Magazine: Inside Asian America, a roundtable discussion on dating features a diverse group of Generation X Asians. Among them are Monty, a Chinese!

Hawaiian Wall Street trader; Nina, an Indian-American journalist; Kara, a Filipino photo editor; and Jesse, a Japanese political activist

who is gay. "My mom used to set me up with Japanese girls. And now she tries to set me up with Japanese boys!" exults Jesse in a section titled What's your Flavor? This refreshing article addresses issues of race, class, gender, and sexuality head-on, while recognizing that Jesse's sexual orientation enriches the discussion.

Please thank A. Magazine for offering its readers this funny and inclusive forum.

inclusive forum.
Contact Angelo Ragaza, Editor-In-Chief, A. Magazine: Inside Asian America, 677 5th Avenue, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10022, e-mail:aragaza@amagazine.com

Gay in the heartland

In the March 14 L.A. Times, Julie Cart and Edith Stanley surveyed rural gay life and how it has evolved over the last few years, noting that while there are more social outlets online and in small towns being out is still risend. towns, being out is still risqué. The article referenced a website,

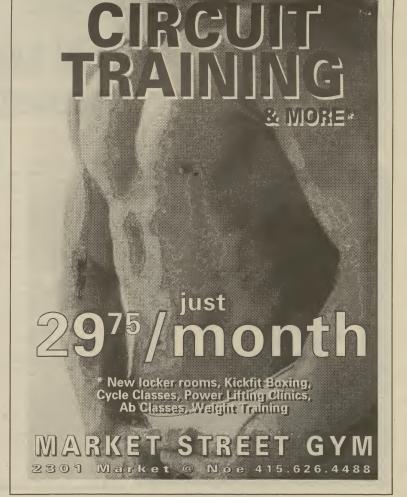
The article referenced a website, ruralgay.com, which allows online users to end isolation and build community despite distance.

Please thank the L.A. Times for providing its readers with a unique perspective on rural life.

Contact Michael Parks, Managing Editor, Los Angeles Times, Times Mirror Square, Los Angeles, CA 90053, fax: (213) 237-7679, e-mail: letters@latimes.com. V

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Online Partners merges Gay.net and Gay.com

by Mark Norby

o former rivals on the information superhighway have stopped trying to run each other off the road, and have decided instead to merge. In a move that promises to change the face of targeted marketing to gays and lesbians worldwide, Gay.com and Gay.net joined to create the Gay.com Network on Monday, March 29.

According to Online Partners, which created Gay.net, the Gay.com Network will unite con-Gay.com Network will unite content, community, and advertising efforts on the Internet. "The secret to our success," said Andy Cramer, chairman and chief executive officer of Online Partners, "is that we don't treat gays and lesbians as a disenfranchised political entity, but rather as savy consumers. but rather as savvy consumers who want to get information and to interact and do business over the Internet with businesses that

the Internet with businesses that support them."

The network promises to deliver 11 high-quality content channels that address gay and lesbian concerns and interests including finance, travel, arts and entertainment, health and nutrition, sports and fitness, positive living, food and wine, community resources, relationships, home ty resources, relationships, home and family, shopping, as well as the ever-popular private chat fo-

rums.
"Our intelligent and discerning members," concluded Cramer "will naturally do business with or will naturally do business with companies that support them and offer the best products and services." The Gay.com Network is expected to attract over five million visitors in its first month.

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largest gay and lesbian anchor tenant on America Online.

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Fake bashing report in the Castro

by Mark Norby and Ron McGlashan

ednesday, March 24, 8 p.m., Eureka Valley Recre-ation Center, 100 Collingwood Street: A man was found in the bathroom at the recreation center bleeding from a head wound. He reported that he had been hit over the head with a bottle by a group of Asian men driving a Ford van, claiming that he was attacked because he is gay. Further investigation provided no substantiation to his claim and the rewood Street: A man was found in claim and the re-ported "gay bash-ing" was found to be false. The sus-

pect was taken to San Francisco San Francisco General Hospital (SFGH) for a mental evaluation and stitches for a head wound believed to be self-

Bad cop, no daddy

Thursday, March 25, 10 p.m., Daddy's Bar, 440 Castro Street: A man entered Daddy's Bar with an man entered Daddys Bar with an "obviously intoxicated friend," according to the San Francisco Pattrol Special Police. When the bartender refused to serve them and asked them to leave, the customer refused to leave the bar, told the bartender he was a police officer from Los Angeles on disability, and produced his ID. The bar-tender called the patrol, which re-sponded with beat Officer Debbie Erdy. Upon closer examination the ID was found to be an expired

California driver's license. The suspect was admonished and es-corted out of the bar without further incident

Gothicly greedy

Wednesday, March 24, 10 p.m. 18th and Diamond streets: A 65year-old Castro resident reported being struck from behind by an assailant who stole her backpack. assainant who stole her backpack.
The suspect then ran towards Cala supermarket as the victim screamed for help. The suspect turned around and threatened her by

saying, "I'll be back to get you, I know where you live. So don't call the police." The sus-pect was last seen

running east-bound on 18th Street and is de-Street and is de-scribed as a white male adult, 18 to 21 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall, 150 pounds, dressed in gothic black with nu-merous long silver chains hanging from his clothing.

Pimp punches cashless client

Sunday, March 28, 10:30 p.m.,
Sutter and Larkin streets: A distressed man who flagged down a patrol car appeared to have suffered a beating, but claimed he did not know what had happened to him. He said he had been "on a date for the night," according to the SFPD, and that he could only remember the woman's name and remember the woman's name and where she lives. The officers called paramedics and as the man was being treated for a broken jaw, the

beaten by a man he described as a pimp of the Polk District because he didn't have any money to pay his hired date after her services had already been rendered. The man was taken to SFGH, but failed to give a description of the suspect and the stiffed sex worker.

Laser lights look lethal

SFPD officers in the Castro report being "scoped" and "targeted" by possessors of the trendy red laser lights that are used as toys for special effects, especially at night and in nightclubs. The toy light creates the same visual effect as a laser scope on a weapon. Police ask the public not to misuse the toy light.

Eureka youth doin' good

The patrol reports that since the opening of the youth shelter at the Eureka Valley Recreation Center, there have been no significant incidents or major problems. The patrol wishes to thank the youth who stay at the shelter and the residents of the Castro who help walks the anighborhood a better make the neighborhood a better place for all.

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Trial begins for one of accused Shepard killers

by Mark Norby

n Wednesday, March 24 the trial of Russell Henderson got under way in Laramie, Wyoming. Henderson is one of Wyoming. Henderson is one of two 21-year-old men charged with the murder, kidnapping, and aggravated assault of gay Univer-sity of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard. Aaron McKinney, also charged in the crimes against Shepard, will stand trial separate-ly and that's expected to begin in August.

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Preliminary statements made by Henderson's attorney indicate the defense will contend McKinney carried out the torture and murder, while Henderson merely watched. Both the defense and prosecution acknowledged that crime scene photos will be introduced into evidence, and are likely to upset jurors with their

graphic images.

But while Henderson awaited trial in Wyoming, Shepard's mother tearfully lobbied in Washington, D.C., avoiding the media assembled in Laramie. Judy Shepard appeared at a news conference organized by the Human Rights Campaign and the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, and was joined by Daryl Verrett, the



Matthew Shepard

nephew of James Byrd, Jr., the black Texas man who was dragged to death behind a pickup several months before the killing of Shep-

Shepard and Verrett are lobby ing for hate crimes laws that would put sexual orientation, as well as racial ethnicity, on the list of hate crimes laws in the 19 states that do not list these categories, which could deter future acts of

"There is no guarantee that these laws will stop hate crimes from happening," Shepard said at

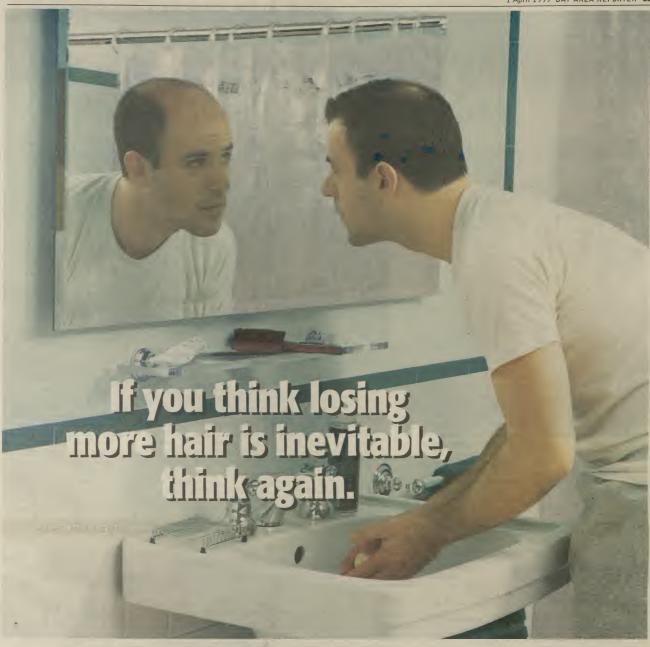
the news conference. "But they can reduce them. They can help change the climate in this country, where some people feel it is okay to target specific groups of people and get away with it." Verrett said hate crimes are not like other crimes in that the im-

pact of a hate crime is meant to be felt by a larger group. "Hate crimes are done to send a message of terror to persons of different color, religious beliefs, sexual oricolor, religious beliefs, sexual ori-entations, ethnicity, nationality, etc. The message is if you are in any way like this individual, you are hated," said Verrett. John Williams, the self-proclaimed white supremacist convicted of killing Byrd, was sentenced in February to death by lethal injec-tion.

tion.
Shepard declined to discuss Shepard declined to discuss the trial, stating that she and her husband wanted justice to run its course. "The case itself has gone very smoothly," stated Wyoming Court Administrative Attorney Dean Jessup. "What has created problems is the media interest and its interruptions."

Henderson's trial is expected to

its interruptions."
Henderson's trial is expected to last until the end of April. McKinney's trial will likely last until the end of September. If convicted, they could both receive the death penalty.



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City College students, leaders reclaim defaced mural

by Cynthia Laird

ity College of San Francisco students and administrators joined political leaders Friday, March 26 to speak out against an incident on campus in against an incident on campus in which a mural panel showing a lesbian couple kissing was defaced, allegedly by vandals.

During the afternoon news conference in front of the cam-

conference in front of the cam-pus' student union, lesbian artist and college student Sun Yom re-painted the damaged panel. Meanwhile, speaker after speaker denounced the apparent hate crime and college administrators showed off a security camera that has been installed near the project and will remain there until the mural is completed and a protec-

tive seal is applied.

The mural, a joint project of the
Associated Students of City Col-Associated Students of City College of San Francisco and Precita Eyes Mural Arts and Visitors Center, has been over two years in the making and is multi-cultural, reflecting the diverse campus community. The mural's purpose in the seven panels is to celebrate diversity and honor the lives and struggles of City College students.

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The vandalism occurred sometime between the evening of March 22 and the morning of Tuesday, March 23; it followed a community paint-in that took place over the weekend. The van-



Sun Yom retouches her defaced panel that's part of City College's mural.

dalism only involved the panel with the lesbian couple, prompt-ing the Associated Students and the school's Queer Alliance group to denounce it as a hate crime

A second community paint-in is set for April 10-11, said Susan

is set for April 10-11, said Susan Cervantes, with Precita Eyes. "I was sorry to hear the mural was attacked. It's always been open to everyone," she said. "Among the entire mural, cre-ated by the students and the com-munity, my theme of the lesbian couple was singled out, and my painting was defaced and cen-

sured. It was an expression of eth-ical bias and condemnation," Yom said before repainting her work. Yom also serves as vice president of the Queer Alliance.

of the Queer Alliance.
Openly gay City College board
President Lawrence Wong was
equally upset over the incident,
and plans to introduce a resolution
against the act at the board's next
meeting. "It pains us that something like this occurred," Wong
said. He and Board of Supervisors
President Tom Ammiano both
mentioned the increased climate
of intolerance toward the lesbian, of intolerance toward the lesbian,

gay, bisexual, and transferior. (LGBT) community, specifically the flap over the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence's planned street party this Sunday and the killings of Matthew Shepard and Billy Jack Gaither. "Homophobia can be very insidious and mundane – a look behind someone's back," Ammiano said. "We have a long way to go, even in San Francisco."

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San Francisco Human Rights
Commissioner (HRC) Stephen
Herman, who also works at City
College, said he participated in
the community paint-in during
the weekend and was surprised to
see the vandalism. The HRC also
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plans to issue a resolution con-demning the vandalism and praising the college's response. City College Chancellor Dr. Philip Day, Jr. said the campus community is looking forward to the mural's completion. "We re-claim our mural and our support for this issue," Day said. "We're with you in heart and spirit." Day added that in his capacity as chancellor, he'll work with com-

as chancellor, he'll work with com-munity college organizations nationally to get support for the fed-eral Hate Crimes Prevention Act. Marla Leach, interim chair of

the college's gay and lesbian studies department, noted that in many classrooms, the word 'faggot' is still okay to use. "We all many classrooms, the word lag-got' is still okay to use. "We all need to not tolerate this kind of behavior," Leach said. "If we don't stop hate, it will stop us."



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- PROPECIA is for the treatment of male pattern hair loss in MEN ONLY and should not be taken by women

A warning about PROPECIA and pregnancy

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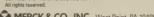
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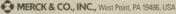
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New NIH research showed people taking CRIXIVAN in triple therapy lived longer and experienced fewer opportunistic infections.

- Recent year-long research conducted by the National Institutes of Health (Protocol ACTG 320) studied over 1,000 patients and confirmed results from another study.
- The group of patients receiving CRIXIVAN along with 3TC and AZT achieved a reduction in deaths and AIDS-defining illnesses over those taking 3TC and AZT alone. This reduction was significant enough for the NIH to recommend the study be stopped, so that all participants could benefit from the findings. Because the study was ended early, there was insufficient data to determine the statistical impact of CRIXIVAN on survival.

CRIXIVAN in triple therapy continues to hold serum viral load down below the limit of detection at the one year mark.

- In a separate, ongoing landmark study, over 90% of the 31 patients receiving CRIXIVAN, AZT, and 3TC reduced their HIV serum viral load below the limit of detection after 24 weeks (as measured by available tests; the virus may still be present in other organ systems).
- Importantly, the limited number of patients who chose to stay with the study for longer periods of time maintained these results through the one year mark.

CRIXIVAN is generally well tolerated.

- CRIXIVAN can be taken with a light meal or on an empty stomach. There are side effects associated with protease inhibitors in general and CRIXIVAN in particular. Some patients treated with CRIXIVAN may develop kidney stones. For some, this can lead to more severe kidney problems including kidney failure. Drinking at least 6 glasses of water each day may help reduce the chance of forming a kidney stone. Other side effects reported include rapid breakdown of red blood cells and liver problems. There are some common medications and AIDS-related medications you should not take with CRIXIVAN. Discuss all medications you are taking or plan to take with your doctor.
- As with other protease inhibitors, increased bleeding in some patients with hemophilia and increased blood sugar levels or diabetes have been reported. Please read the following page for detailed information on side effects and dosing.

Please read the following page for more detailed information about CRIXIVAN.

CRIXIVAN is a protease inhibitor that fights HIV. CRIXIVAN can help reduce the chance of illnesses and death associated with HIV. CRIXIVAN can also help lower the amount of HIV in your body (called "viral load") and raise your CD4T-cell count. Some patients may not experience these effects. CRIXIVAN is not a cure for HIV or AIDS.

Remember to ask your doctor about CRIXIVAN.



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Patient Information about CRIXIVAN' (KRIK-sih-van)

Please read this information before you start taking CRIXIVAN. Also, you should read the information included with CRIXIVAN each time you receive your prescription, just in case anything has changed. Remember, this information does not take the place of careful discussions with your doctor. You and your doctor should discuss CRIXIVAN when you start taking your medication and at regular checkups. You should remain under a doctor's care when using CRIXIVAN and should not change or stop treatment without first talking with your doctor.

What is CRIXIVAN?

CRIXIVAN is an oral capsule used for the treatment of HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus). HIV is the virus that causes AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome). CRIXIVAN is a type of HIV drug called a protease (PRO-tee-ase) inhibitor.

How does CRIXIVAN work?

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CRIXIVAN is usually prescribed with other anti-HIV drugs such as ZDV (also called AZT), 3TC, ddl, ddC, or d4T. CRIXIVAN works differently from these other anti-HIV drugs. Talk with your doctor about how you should take CRIXIVAN.

CRIXIVAN has been studied in adults. The safety and effectiveness of CRIXIVAN in children and adolescents have not been established.

- How should I take CRIXIVAN?

 There are six important things you must do to help you benefit from CRIXIVAN:

 1. Take CRIXIVAN capsules every day as prescribed by your doctor. Continue taking CRIXIVAN unless your doctor tells you to stop. Take the exact amount of CRIXIVAN that your doctor tells you to take, right from the very start. To help make sure you will benefit from CRIXIVAN, you must not skip doses or take "drup holidays." If you don't take CRIXIVAN as prescribed, the activity of CRIXIVAN may be reduced (due to resistance).
- Take CRIXIVAN capsules every 8 hours around the clock, every day. It may be easier to remember to take CRIXIVAN if you take it at the same time every day. If you have questions about when to take CRIXIVAN, your doctor or health care provider can help you decide what schedule works for you.
- If you miss a dose by more than 2 hours, wait and then take the next dose at the regularly scheduled time. However, if you miss a dose by less than 2 hours, take your missed dose immediately. Then take your next dose at the regularly scheduled time. Do not take more or less than your prescribed dose of CRIXIVAN
- Take CRIXIVAN with water. You can also take CRIXIVAN with other beverages such
- skim or non-fat milk, juice, coffee, or tea.

 Ideally, take each dose of CRIXIVAN without food but with water at least one hour before or two hours after a meal. Or you can take CRIXIVAN with a light meal. Examples of light meals include:
 - dry toast with jelly, juice, and coffee (with skim or non-fat milk and sugar if you want)
 - corn flakes with skim or non-fat milk and sugar

Out Hakes with <u>skill or loci-lat</u> milk and sugar
 Do not take CRIXINAN at the same time as any meals that are high in calories, fat, and protein (for example — a bacon and egg breakfast). When taken at the same time as CRIXIVAN, these foods can interfere with CRIXIVAN being absorbed into your bloodstream and may lessen its effect.

 It is critical that you drink at least six 8-ounce glasses of liquid (preferably).

water) throughout the day, every day. CRIXIVAN can cause kidney stones. Having enough fluids in your body should help reduce the chances of forming a kidney stone. Call your doctor or other health care provider if you develop kidney pains (middle to lower stomach or back pain) or blood in the urine.

Does CRIXIVAN cure HIV or AIDS?

CRIXIVAN care This of AIDS?

CRIXIVAN is not a cure for HIV or AIDS. People taking CRIXIVAN may still develop infections or other conditions associated with HIV. Because of this, it is very important for you to remain under the care of a doctor. Although CRIXIVAN is not a cure for HIV or AIDS, CRIXIVAN can help reduce your chances of getting illnesses, including death, associated with HIV. CRIXIVAN may not have these effects in all patients.

Does CRIXIVAN reduce the risk of passing HIV to others?

CRIXIVAN has not been shown to reduce the risk of passing HIV to others through sexual contact or blood contamination.

Who should not take CRIXIVAN?

Do not take CRIXIVAN if you have had a serious allergic reaction to CRIXIVAN or any of its components.

What other medical problems or conditions should I discuss with my

Talk to your doctor if:

- You are pregnant or if you become pregnant while you are taking CRIXIVAN. We do not yet know how CRIXIVAN affects pregnant women or their developing babies.

 You are breast-feeding. You should stop breast-feeding if you are taking CRIXIVAN.
- Also talk to your doctor if you have:

 Problems with your liver, especially if you have mild or moderate liver disease caused by cirrhosis.
- Problems with your kidneys
- Diabetes

■ Hemophilia
Tell your doctor about any medicines you are taking or plan to take, including non-prescription medicines

Can CRIXIVAN be taken with other medications?**

Drugs you should not take with CRIXIVAN:

SELDANE® (terfenadine)

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HALCION® (triazolam)

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Figot medications (e.g., Wigraine® and Cafergot®)

Taking CRIXIVAN with the above medications could result in <u>serious or life-threatening</u> problems (such as irregular heartbeat or excessive sleepiness)

In addition, you should not take CRIXIVAN with rifampin, known as RIFADIN®, RIFAMATE®, RIFATER®, or RIMACTANE®.

Drugs you can take with CRIXIVAN include:

RETROVIR® (zidovudine, ZDV also called AZT)
TAGAMET® (cimetidine) BIAXIN® (clarithromycin) isoniazid (INH) ORTHO-NOVUM 1/35° (oral DIFLUCAN® (fluconazole) contraceptive)
ZERIT® (stavudine, d4T)

EPIVIR" (lamivudine, 3TC)

ZERIT" (stavudine, d4T)

BACTRIM"/SEPTRA" (trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole)

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MYCOBUTIN® (rifabutin) — If you take CRIXIVAN with MYCOBUTIN®, your doctor

may adjust both the dose of MYCOBUTIN and the dose of CRIXVAN.

NIZORAL® (ketoconazole) — If you take CRIXIVAN with NIZORAL®, your doctor may adjust the dose of CRIXIVAN.

Talk to your doctor about any medications you are taking.

What are the possible side effects of CRIXIVAN?

Like all prescription drugs, CRIXIVAN can cause side effects. The following is not a complete list of side effects reported with CRIXIVAN when taken either alone or with other anti-HIV drugs. Do not rely on this page alone for information about side effects. Your doctor can discuss with you a more complete list of side effects.

Some patients treated with CRIXIVAN developed kidney stones. In some of these patients this led to more severe kidney problems, including kidney failure or inflammation of the kidneys. Drinking at least six 8-ounce glasses of liquid (preferably water) each day should help reduce the chances of forming a kidney stone. Call your doctor or other health care provider if you develop kidney pains (middle to lower stomach or back pain) or blood in the urine.

Some patients treated with CRIXIVAN have had rapid breakdown of red blood cells (heapendide approximation) in compact search and provided in death

(hemolytic anemia) which in some cases was severe or resulted in death.

Some patients treated with CRIXIVAN have had liver problems including liver failure and death. Some patients had other illnesses or were taking other drugs. It is uncertain if CRIXIVAN caused these liver problems.

Diabetes and high blood sugar (hyperglycemia) have occurred in patients taking protease inhibitors. In some of these patients, this led to ketoacidosis, a serious condition caused by poorly controlled blood sugar. Some patients had diabetes before starting protease inhibitors, others did not. Some patients required adjustments to their diabetes medication. Others needed new diabetes medication.

In some patients with hemophilia, increased bleeding has been reported.

Clinical Studies

Increases in bilirubin (one laboratory test of liver function) have been reported in approximately 10% of patients. Usually, this finding has not been associated with liver problems. However, on rare occasions, a person may develop yellowing of the skin and/or eyes.

Side effects occurring in 2% or more of patients included: abdominal pain,fatigue or weakness, flank pain, feeling unwell, nausea, diarrhea, vorniting, acid regurgitation, loss of appetite, dry mouth, back pain, headache, trouble sleeping, dizziness, taste changes, rash, upper respiratory infection, dry skin, and sore throat.

Swollen kidneys due to blocked urine flow occurred rarely

Marketing Experience

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Other side effects reported since CRIXIVAN
has been marketed include: abdominal swelling;
inflammation of the kidneys; increased fat
appearing in areas such as the neck, abdomen,
and back; change in skin color; severe skin
reactions; hair loss; crystals in the urine; and allergic reactions.

Tell your doctor promptly about these or any other unusual symptoms. If the condition persists or worsens, seek medical attention.

How should I store CRIXIVAN capsules?

- Keep CRIXIVAN capsules in the bottle they came in and at room temperature (59°F-86°F).
- Keep CRIXIVAN capsules dry by leaving the small desiccant "pillow" in the bottle. Keen the bottle closed

This medication is prescribed for a particular condition. Do not use it for any other condition or give it to anybody else. Keep CRIXIVAN and all medicines out of the reach of children. If you suspect that more than the prescribed dose of this medicine has been taken, contact your local polson control center or emergency room immediately.



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Gay Men's Chorus rejects United money

by Cynthia Laird

he San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, which has counted United Airlines as one of its corporate sponsors for several years, ended that relationship this week because of the airline's refusal to implement the city's equal benefits ordinance. The chorus announced in a Monday, March 29 open letter to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community that it will give back a \$15,000 donation from United.

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Dave Gooding, who took over as executive director in January, confirmed the group's decision; activists have asked the chorus to stop accepting funds from the airline for months. John B. McLeod, president of Golden Gate Performing Arts, Inc., the chorus's governing body, stated in the letter that the group's decision was based on United agreeing to abide by Los Angeles's living wage ordi-

nance, while at the same time continuing to battle in federal court over San Francisco's equal benefits law (see story, page one). The Los Angeles law, "through its implementation, is likely to be far more expensive to United's bottom line than San Francisco's dynastics. than San Francisco's domestic partner ordinance," McLeod said. McLeod said the board doesn't

know how the chorus will recoup the \$15,000, but the group can no

the \$15,000, but the group can no longer, in good conscience, accept a sponsorship from United.

He said maintaining the chorus, which boasts 250 singers, is an expensive proposition. "The chorus must find ways to pay for music, rental of rehearsal and performance halls, guest performers, publicity, an office, and minimal staff," he said. "Concert tickets and compact disc recording sales cover only part of these expenses."

McLeod also said that the chorus has appreciated United's sponsorship – few large corporations in the U.S. support gay and lesbian

organizations. He added that when organizations. The added that when the issue arose, the chorus initially followed the recommendations of United's gay and lesbian employee group: that the best way to promote corporate change was to stay engaged with it. The chorus hopes engaged with it. The chorus hopes
United will change its policy so
that the group can restore "a positive working relationship with a
corporation that has so steadfastly
supported us," he said.

The chorus is the third local
group to reject United money.
Last October, the National AIDS

Memorial Grove rejected a \$5,000 in-kind sponsorship and in July 1997 the San Francisco-based Gay 1997 the San Francisco-Dased Gay and Lesbian Medical Association stopped recognizing United as its "official" carrier and withdrew from a \$10,000 United travel grant. ▼

Donations to the chorus can be sent to 400 Castro Street, San Francico, CA 94114.



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Anti-United

oming weeks.
United Airline's is currently the subject of a nationwide boycott by the lesbian and gay community organized by the EBA, and the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund (GLVF). Last December the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), the largest lesbian and gay organization in the country, announced its endorsement of the boycott.
"If there was any doubt as to where United stood on gay and lesbian equality," said HRC Executive Director Elizabeth Birch, this was clarified when they elected to form a partnership with one

ed to form a partnership with one of the most rabidly anti-gay organizations in America. In essence, United has joined forces with Pat Robertson to promote the unfair

"We want every lesbian and gay man in the country to be aware of the attempt by United Airlines and Pat Robertson to deny lesbian and gay employees basic equity in the

provision of benefits," Jeff Sheehy, founder of the EBA, told the Bay Area Reporter. "We chose San Fran-cisco and Los Angeles to support increased competition in that cor-

increased competition in that corridor brought on by American Airline's purchase of Reno Air and its
decision to add routes between
Northern and Southern California.

"American Airlines is the domestic carrier that has gone furthest
in offering equal benefits to lesbian
and gay employees," he added.
Jeff Getty, producer of the television spot, told the B.A.R. that
EBA has enough money to run "a
couple hundred 30-second spots.

"This commercial will stamp
United Airlines and Pat Robertson as partners in anti-gay discrimination in the minds of gay
people across the country. We
plan to buy time in every media
market where there is a significant
gay community. By the time we market where there is a significant gay community. By the time we finish showing this ad, the lesbian and gay market will be lost to United forever," he said.

In the commercial, a deep- gray-colored United jet appears on a runway and above it dark rolling

clouds descend over it, their color blending with the color of the jet. Then from the clouds Robertson's tension-riddled face appears, followed by Sheehy's explanation of United's inequitable employee benefits programs. Activists playing United employees conclude the spot, callling for the changes. The brief and direct commercial will air on cable channels CNN, MSNBC, CNBC, and the Discovery Channel.

The equal benefits ordinance

ery Channel.

The equal benefits ordinance was approved in 1996 and went into effect in 1997. It mandates that all businesses contracting with San Francisco offer the same benefits to demestic neutrons of benefits to domestic partners of employees that they offer to mar-ried spouses of employees. A de-cision in U.S. District Court last cision in U.S. District Court last April ruled that airlines, because they are federally regulated, only have to offer no-cost benefits such as travel and bereavement leave. It is that part of U.S. District Court is that part of U.S. District Court Judge Claudia Wilken's decision that United is currently fighting; Wilken has not yet ruled on this last point.

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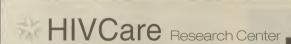


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by Vicky Kolakowski

nited Methodist Bishop nited Methodist Bishop Melvin G. Talbert an-nounced Tuesday, March 23 that a formal complaint had been presented to him against 69 United Methodist clergy who co-officiated in the holy union of two women in Sacramento on January

Talbert had previously an-nounced that he would uphold the ban on such unions, while continuing to publicly denounce

"I will uphold the law, but will not be silenced," Talbert said while

announcing the complaint.

"I am a disciple of the civil rights movement," he later added.
"From my own experiences, I can appreciate the acts of conscience and acts of civil disobedience." A few days earlier he characterized the prohibition on holy unions as "infringing on the sacred pastoral role of one as priest and servant."

role of one as priest and servant."

The ceremony that led to the complaint was held after an August 1998 ruling by the Judicial Council of the United Methodist Church that the denomination's Social Principles' prohibition on same-sex unions are binding on clergy. Over 150 clergy from around the country, many in absentia, participated on January 16 in the holy union of Ellie Charling the property of the propert in the holy union of Ellie Charl-ton and Jeanne Barnett, two high-ly ranked Methodist lay leaders vho have been a couple for over

The Reverend Don Fado of Sacramento, the couple's pastor, led the team of clergy and is among the clergy included in the complaint.

The present complaint is only against United Methodist clergy from the California-Nevada Conference who were present at the service, and does not apply to those acting in absentia. The Calwhich Talbert presides consists of about 400 congregations in Northern California and most of Nevada, with a total of 94,000 members.

Talbert named the Reverend Talbert named the Reverend Paul Wiberg of Orinda as church counsel. Wiberg will refer the complaint to a church committee empowered to decide whether to present formal charges based on the complaint. Should charges be brought, clergy would be selected as jurors to begin the formal trial process. Trials require a vote of 10 out of 13 clergy on the jury to

The clergy have already been presented with several undisclosed options for resolution of the complaint. Only one undiscrete aleasted to accomplaint.

the compiant. Only one unus-closed clergyperson elected to ac-cept one of those options.

The trials could result in a range of outcomes, including per-manent removal from the clergy.

manent removal from the clergy. "The worst case scenario would be that they could lose their orders," Talbert said. "I would pray that that wouldn't happen."
While not binding precedent, a similar case in the Northern Illinois Conference shows one possible outcome of this case. The Reverend Greg Dell, pastor of Broadway United Methodist Church in Chicago, was convicted of violatical their case. The severend of the conference shows one possible outcome of this case. The Reverend Greg Dell, pastor of Broadway United Methodist Church in Chicago, was convicted of violatical their case of the conference Chicago, was convicted of violat-ing the rule banning holy unions

on Friday, March 26, just days after the announcement of the

after the announcement of the complaint against local clergy (see story, below).

The holy union issue continues to divide the California-Nevada Conference, Talbert says that the pastors of four churches have left the denomination in protest to the holy union cereapony after. to the holy union ceremony, after previous disagreements with Tal-bert over church stands. Those Methodist Church, Community United Methodist Church, Community United Methodist Church in Oak-dale, St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Richmond, and Mission City Church in Santa Clara. The Kingsbury congregation left the denomination after nearly all of the members decided to leave.

In addition, the United

In addition, the United Methodist congregation in Orangeville has filed a complaint and has dropped "United Methodist" from its name.

The trial process has other, more direct costs. After Dell's verdict was announced, Bishop Joseph Sprague of Chicago denounced the amount of time, energy, and money spent on Dell's trial, which he estimates cost the Northern Illinois Conference \$75,000 to \$100,000, and asked how many poor could have been how many poor could have been fed with the money.

"I have an idea that God isn't

smiling tonight," Sprague said.

Ministers defiant about same-sex ceremonies

United Press International

United Methodist minister in Illinois, suspended for conducting a union ceremony for two gay men, became emotional as he delivered a Palm Sunday sermon March 28. About 300 parishioners at Broadway United Methodist Church clapped as the Reverend Gregory Dell took the pulpit to deliver his sermon

as the Reverend Gregory Dell took the pulpit to deliver his sermon about pain, unity, and love. Two days earlier a United Methodist Church jury of 13 min-isters found Dell guilty of break-ing church law, for performing a same-sex marriage ceremony in September.

A jury selected from a pool of 54 area ministers ruled that Dell is 54 area ministers ruled that Dell is to be punished with suspension from the clergy, until either he signs a pledge not to perform any more gay marriages or the church lifts its ban on such unions. The suspension will take effect on July 5, and Dell said he refuses to agree to stop performing same-sex

unions.

Dell, who has been a pastor for 29 years, testified he knew he was breaking church law by perform-ing the ceremony, and was aware of the possible consequences. As a pastor, he said, he is required to minister to the needs of people in his community. He said gays and

his comprise 30 percent of his congregation.

"I didn't feel it was being disobedient," he said. "I felt the only way I could be obedient was to

perform that service."

Experts say the trial could trig-

ger a schism in the nation's second-largest Protestant denomination. Dell's trial was the first trial on the issue since Nebraska minister Jimmy Creech was acquitted a year ago of charges stemming from a same-sex ceremony he performed for two women in Omaha in September, 1997. Eight of 13 trial jurors voted to convict Creech, but nine votes were necessary to find him guilty.

In August the United Methodist Judicial Council, the

In August the United Methodist Judicial Council, the denomination's supreme court, denomination's supreme court, ruled that performing a same-sex union ceremony is a chargeable offense under church law. Sixtynine California ministers now face similar trials, for jointly performing a union service for two lesbians in January (see story, above).

Catholischism in NY

Meanwhile, in Rochester, New York, more than 1,000 former members of Corpus Christi church who excommunicated themselves by starting their own church, will offer key Roman Catholic sacraments during Holy Week

The new church's priest, the Reverend James Callan, will cele-brate Mass and Holy Communion. Callan was suspended in December for performing sameex marriages and other doctrinal

A canon law expert says there's a possibility the sacraments would be valid because Callan is still a priest. However, the sacraments would be considered illicit because they're offered in disobedience of the bishop. ▼



Sisters Easter

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took out a half-page ad in a San Francisco newspaper and threat-ened to boycott the city if the board did not vote to rescind the

The Sisters, a group of predominantly gay men who don mock nun habits in satire, are known for their campy street theater and have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for various charities since Sister Vicious Power-Hungry Bitch launched the troupe two decades ago.

Before the board discussed the matter, it heard from approximately 45 speakers out of a crowd estimated at 300; both sides of the issue were represented during public comment, where speakers The Sisters, a group of pre-

public comment, where speakers were each allowed one minute to talk. The meeting lasted over two

Supervisors discussed the issue Supervisors discussed the issue at length, including gay supervisor Mark Leno, who pointed out that free speech is not something the city looks at when considering street closure permits; issues such as health, traffic, and safety are considered. He also referred to last Friday's protest by homophobic minister Fred Phelps outside City Hall (see story, page one) City Hall (see story, page one) where the mayor's same-sex "wedding" celebration was occurring. "The Reverend Phelps traveled across the country to express his displeasure and we gave him space. We did not tell him to come back next week," said Leno. "The

most offensive voice gets the most attention [from the First Amend-ment] and the First Amendment

doesn't know the day of the week.
"Will the Catholic Church survive this Sunday?" Leno asked. "I

suspect it will."
Supervisor Michael Yaki, who Supervisor Michael Taki, who is an attorney, a Catholic, and supporter of the gay community, said the matter was a First Amendment issue. He also pointed out that visits by dignitaries, as well as other events in the city, frequently result in streets being well as other events in the city, frequently result in streets being temporarily closed. The expenses associated with security and street closings are "something we engage in everyday as a city," he said.

Yaki also said he was "extremely offended" by the Catholic League's boycott threat and noted the group opposes the appoint.

the group opposes the appoint-ment of openly gay philanthropist James Hormel as ambassador to

James Hormel as ambassador to Luxembourg.
Former U.S. Attorney Joseph Russoniello said the issue is not about the separation of church and state. "This is an organization conceived in a mockery of the church and a mockery of all of us as Catholics," he stated. "They may be there next Sunday, but we will be there at district elections." Several speakers told the board

will be there at district elections."
Several speakers told the board
they are not of the Christian faith
and stated the Sisters should be al-lowed to hold their anniversary
party. Still others were critical of
the Catholic Church. Many
Catholics addressed the board
and stated their opposition to the
party taking place on Easter.
Others who addressed the

board, such as nonprofit execu-tives Paul Causey of the Tender-loin AIDS Resource Center and Kevin Schaub, of the Harvey Milk Institute, said their agencies will benefit from the Sisters' party and that the money is sorely needed.

Not of one segment

Most in attendance were sur-prised during rookie Supervisor Alicia Becerril's comments, when she took the unusual step of pub-Rick cook the universal step of publicly criticizing openly gay board President Tom Ammiano's leader-ship ability. Mayor Willie Brown only appointed Becerril to the board January 24. Last week Becerril and Super-

visor Amos Brown asked the board to reconsider the street cloboard to reconsider the street closure permit that was unanimously approved March 1. Becerril and Brown were the only two supervisors to vote at Monday's meeting in favor of rescinding the permit;

in favor of rescinding the permit; a unanimous vote was required. Becerril defended her action from last week and said she believed the whole controversy could have been avoided. There was no opposition to the vote taken by the board last month and it was only after an editorial and guest commentary likening the Sisters to neo-Nazis appeared in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco's newsletter,

the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco's newsletter, Catholic San Francisco, that the controversy started.

"You, Mr. President, are not president of one segment, you had an opportunity to reach consensus," Becerril stated. "Where was your leadership?"

As Becerril was speaking, a few people in the crowd chanted "Recall Alicia." After she spoke, Supervisor Leslie Katz jumped in and said it's the board's policy not

to attack other members. Other

to attack other members. Other supervisors pointedly praised Ammiano as they talked about how the issue has been a difficult one for them; board members have received hundreds of phone calls and e-mails on the matter.

Ammiano responded by offering Becerril "an olive branch." "I understand your frustration and need to lash out," Ammiano said. "As a lifelong Catholic and gay man, I think a leader needs to have strength of character. I offer you an olive branch like I did to the archdiocese. Walk awhile in my pumps. I have a duty to really my pumps. I have a duty to really cherish the separation of church and state and not to broadside my colleagues."
Supervisor Mabel Teng, who

has supported the gay communi-ty for many years, said she found it difficult to agree with the Sis-ters' tactics, but said she could not wote to rescind the permit. "I real-ly tried to be one of the many peacemakers and it didn't hap-nen" said Teng

peacemakers and it didn't happen," said Teng.

Among those attending were a few of the Sisters, minus their mock habits. Mark Kleim (aka Sister Zsa Zsa Glamour) brought his habit with him and held it up before the board when he spoke. "Homophobia is based in fear. It [the habit] is only fabric and it's not even all cotton," he said as many in the audience broke out laughing, perhaps the only humorous moment during the debate. "

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'Wedding'

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Swindell said, adding that the fenced off area was a "pit full of hate."

Swindell said that other ac

Swindell said that other activists threw eggs, one of which apparently landed on a child holding an anti-gay sign.

"Queers have been tossing pies since Anita Bryant's homophobic attacks on gays and lesbians in the late 1970s. The venom spewed forth by Phelps and his ilk is no different," Swindell said.

The "pieing nuns," members of ACT UP/San Francisco who are not affiliated with the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence in any way, were only slightly more critical of

Phelps than of the gay main-stream. According to them, fight-ing for the issues of domestic partners legislation and gays in the military only serve to distract the community from aggressively challenging the climate of anti-gay violence heating up around

challenging the climate of antigay violence heating up around the country.

"From the vicious stabbing of Robert Hillsborough in the Mission District 20 years ago to . . . the slaying of Henry Northington, whose decapitated head was found impaled on a Virginia bridge, the hatred remains," Swindell stated. "We must confront religious hypocrites and let them know we will no longer be their victims. The gay community must unite to protect our safety and well-being."

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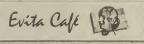


for a Sunday morning kiss-in at St. Mary's Cathedral on March 28. The activists were protesting the San Francisco Archdiocese's efforts to overturn a decision by the Board of Supervisors to permit the closure of one block of Castro Street on Easter Sunday to allow the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence to stage their 20th anniversary party. The gay activists also called for repealing the Church's tax-free status.

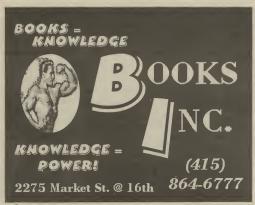
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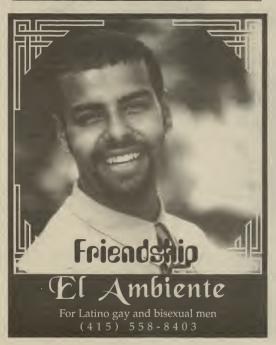
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Sessions for youth, affected communities at AIDS conference

by Cynthia Laird

ttendees at last week's 11th annual National AIDS Up-date Conference in San Francisco heard from youth advocates and representatives of af-fected communities during two of the plenary sessions. The conference, which was the first one organized by the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR), concluded last Friday, March 26.

During the session for youth on Thursday, March 25, speakers were united against names-based HIV surveillance, saying young people as well as others would keep from getting tested for HIV if they knew a positive result would mean their name would be

turned over to the government.
"Names-based HIV surveillance scares the crap out of me," said Chris Boehm, 21, who works at Health Initiatives For Youth of Health Influstives For Yourn (HIFY) and discovered he was HIV-positive in 1996. "If passed in California, it would make frontpage news and would be a barrier to getting tested." Boehm, a former substance abuser, said there were three things that kept him from seeking medical care: lack of information, the need for confidentiality, and access. "I felt alone and isolated," he said. "I didn't access care

for a year after I tested positive."

Dr. Chris Nyquist, from Colorado, also addressed the audince and said there are many challenges and successes in working with youth. Among her "Ten Commandments" for empower-

Commandments" for empowering youth are: having boundaries, providing continuous training, flexibility, and being honest.

"Young people have a lot of energy and they are our future," she reminded the crowd.

Dr. Lawrence Friedman, from the University of California, San Diego, runs the university's adolescent HIV program. The university is also involved in a collaborative that works with homeless and runaway youth in San Diego County. Friedman said that the ideal adolescent health program is also a collaborative effort and should involve government, should involve government, schools, religious institutions, social program and recreational or-ganizations; parents and guardians; and healthcare systems

providers.

The need for measured outcomes is also critical and he pointed out that separate funding streams that often accompany grants and other monetary awards have led to the creation of

awards have led to the creation of what he termed "health care silos."

"The bureaucracy gets built around those silos," he said, before addressing the need for agencies to successfully partner with one another. "It's nicer to collaborate with each other instead of competing with each other."

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The final speaker during the youth session was Lateefah Simon, a 22-year-old single mother and an executive director of the Center for Young Women's Development in the city. She stressed the importance of access. "We need access, we need housing, we need mental health [services]," Simon said.



WORLD Executive Director Rebecca Denison

Affected communities

Last Friday, March 26, conference attendees heard from several speakers about the different communities HIV/AIDS affects now. Speakers included a researcher of injection drug users (IDU), a gay man of color, the executive director of Women Organized to Respond to Life Threatening Diseases (WORLD), and a heterosex-

eases (WORLD), and a heterosex-ual older woman.

Dr. Don des Jarlais, from
Maryland, talked about various
IDU studies, and said there have
been successes as well as failures.
He also said injection drug use is
a part of society, noting that there
were 80 countries with IDUs in 1989 and 128 countries with IDUs in 1997. An effective intervention for HIV prevention among IDUs is needle exchange, but that has been politically difficult in the United States and elsewhere, he

He pointed out that despite good science around needle exchange being an effective tool fighting HIV/AIDS while not increasing drug use among IDUs, the political will is not there. "There are 140 syringe exchange programs in the country, that's growth of 20 percent per year, but only 10 percent of IDUs use syringe exchanges," des Jarlais said.

Cornelius Baker, executive director of the National Association

of People With AIDS (NAPWA), spoke of the advances made in scientific research with respect to communities of color, but noted there is still room for improve-ment. "It's not acceptable to go to scientific meetings and talk about how drugs work for white men and not for the rest of us," Baker

He issued challenges to the audience, starting with ending the pitting of gay white men against people of color. Baker also called for the restructuring of healthcare services and getting rid of racism in healthcare

Rebecca Denison, executive di-rector of WORLD, told the audirector of WORLD, told the addi-ence she's HIV-positive and the mother of HIV-negative twins. She said that at WORLD-spon-sored retreats, women often dis-cuss their HIV status and others they've confided in. Inevitability, people will ask how they were in-

fected.

"If someone discloses," said
Denison, "don't ask 'How did you
get it?' It's really not important.

"One thing HIV-positive people encounter is shame and it feels
like a punishment from God –
even if you don't believe in God."

Denison also revise of the need.

Denison also spoke of the need for more research on HIV-infected women, particularly around hepatitis C, which has infected a lot of women and men. She also addressed the need for organiza-tions like WORLD to work more with other agencies that serve women. As an example, she talked about her experience with the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program that stresses "breast is best" with regard to breast feeding. Denison said that when she was seen at the agency, it was only after she disclosed her was only after she disclosed her HIV status that workers okayed formula for her to feed her babies. The disclosure was made in a room with the door open, leading to a hallway full of women, some thing many women would not do, she added.

she added.
Retired journalist Jane Fowler
from Kansas City, Missouri, gave
the perspective of older Americans who are diagnosed with HIV.
Fowler was divorced and dating
when she learned she was infected. Poking fun at the commercial
for the artisimpotence drug Viafor the anti-impotence drug Via-gra with former Senator Bob Dole, Fowler said it's too bad Dole doesn't urge viewers to get educated about HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.

ally transmitted diseases.

"The bad news is too many in our aging community don't know they're at risk for STDs," Fowler said, adding that after her diagnosis she initially withdrew before deciding to speak out. "I decided to come out and say this is another face of HIV."

Castro library video drive

by Mark Norby

he Eureka Valley/Harvey Milk Memorial Library in the Castro, located at 3555 16th Street near Market, has begun a video drive to expand the current video collection available to library patrons and residents of the district. The existing video collection is the library's most fre-quently circulated resource and staff at the branch have responded to this by creating more space for more videos. The library focuses on serving the Eureka Valley and Castro areas and therefore seeks especially to expand gay and les-bian titles.

bian titles.

Those interested in donating are asked to submit videos in their original manufacturer's packaging. No copies of original videos may be accepted. All donations qualify as a charitable tax writeoff, and any donated videos that are not added to the existing collection will be used for fundraising through the efforts of library staff. The library is open every day staff. The library is open every day

except Sundays.

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Deadline for obituaries is Monday at 5 p.m., with the exception of special display ad obituaries, which must be submitted by Friday at 3 p.m.

Mark Austin



Mark Austin of San Francisco made his transition on Wednesday, March 17, 1999.

Mark, who grew up in Kansas City, Missouri, had made his home in San Francisco for the last 25 years.

Until recently he was employed by M&M Liquors in the Fillmore, and was active in social and community activities. He is survived by a sister, two adopted daughters, two grandchildren, and a large extended family of loving friends. His compassion, generosity, kindness, and loyalty created a loving refuge and support for countless friends, while his creativity, flamboyant sense of style and Gay Price have inspired us all. Mark will live on in our hearts forever.

Allen A. Stahl Sept. 7, 1947 — January 28, 1999



Allen was my loving companion for 20 years. He passed away from diabetes resulting in liver failure. He was a big, handsome man and made a deep impression

a big, handsome man and made a deep impression when he would appear South of Market in full leather. No one had ever seen so much leather coming at them, and I was very proud to be seen with him, which made me love him all the more. I shall miss him every day for the remainder of my life, as will all his friends. He was cremated and his urn remains with me, Theodore Napolski. I like to think he has come home. He passed away peacefully at Coming Home Hospice and the final word he spoke was my name, "Teddy." He was a loving, perfect lover and I have no regrets concerning our life together. There will be no other. May he live with the angels.

Hepatitis C brings new concern for people with AIDS

by Phillip Alden, ACT UP/ Golden Gate Writers Pool

epatitis is a disease caused by viruses that inflame the liver. The three most common types are hepatitis A (HAV), hepatitis B (HBV), and hepatitis C (HCV). The symptoms of all types of hepatitis are usually nausea, fever, weakness, loss of appetite, and jaundice (an abnormal condition) in which body fluids. condition in which body fluids and tissues, particularly the skin and eyes, take on a yellowish color as a result of excess bilirubin, a substance normally removed from the bloodstream by the

liver).

Hepatitis A is commonly contracted by eating food or drinking water that has been contaminated by human or animal excrement. Approximately 150,000 people in the U.S. are infected by HAV each year. Acute HAV usually resolves itself within six months and does

itself within six months and does not develop into a chronic disease. An estimated 200,000 people are infected each year with hepatitis B, a much more serious form of hepatitis. It is estimated that over 1.2 million Americans are current, chronic carriers of HBV; in fact, HBV is more prevalent than HIV. HBV can be contracted through sexual activity, transfusion of infected blood or transplantation of infected tissue. transplantation of infected blood of transplantation of infected tissue, shared needles by IV drug users, and poorly sterilized medical or dental instruments.

dental instruments.

Hepatitis C is a very dangerous form of this disease. HCV is most commonly spread by needle sharing among IV drug users; tainted blood, blood products; and solid organs; long-term kidney dialyisis; mother-to-baby transmission; sexual contact with someone who is infected; and the sharing of racing infected; and the sharing of racing infected; and the sharing of racing and the sharing of racing infected and the sharing of racing and the sharing and the sharing and the sharing of racing and the sharing of racing and the sharing and the sharing of racing and the sharing of racing and the sharing is infected; and the sharing of razors or toothbrushes that might have the blood of an infected per-

son on them.

It is important to note that it is difficult to contract hepatitis C sexually or by sharing razors and toothbrushes, but HCV is so dangerous that it might be considered prudent to play it safe anyway.

Hepatitis C is more likely to become chronic and result in cirrhosis of the liber. Cirrhosis is a dress.

sis of the liver. Cirrhosis is a de-

generation of liver tissue, resulting in fibrosis and nodule formation. Portal cirrhosis is the most prevalent form, usually occurring in patients with a history of chronic, untreated alcoholism, but it can also be caused by the other types of activities listed above. Cirrhosis of the liver is irreversible and re-sults in gastrointestinal disturbances, emaciation, jaundice, and edema. Cirrhosis is a common cause of death in the U.S.

If a person does contract HCV, they should limit their al-cohol intake, avoid recreational drugs, and see a doctor regularly. It's a good idea to try and avoid starting any new over the-counter drugs without consulting a ACT

doctor, and to get vac-cinated against hepatitis A and B. People with HIV/AIDS should be especially careful because HCV affects the liver, where many drugs used to treat HIV are metabolized. Anything that puts an added strain on the liver can result in serious, even life-threatening situa-

When looking at a random sample of 100 people with HCV, up to 85 patients may develop long-term infection, 70 patients may develop chronic liver disease,

may develop chronic liver disease, 15 or more patients may develop cirrhosis over a 20- to 30-year period, and five or more patients may die from liver failure.

There are treatments for HCV. Antiviral drugs such as Interferon used alone or in combination with Ribavirin can be used to treat chronic HCV. The potential side-effects of Interferon therapy are flu-like symptoms, (fever, chills, headaches, muscle and joint aches and an elevated heart rate.) These side effects are temporary and ususide effects are temporary and usually lessen with continued treat-Later side effects may include hair loss, fatigue, low blood

count, cognitive dysfunction, and emotional problems. There are se-vere side effects that, although rare, may occur. These symptoms may include thyroid disease, depression, suicidal thoughts, seizures, acute heart or kidney failure, eye and lung problems, hearing loss, and blood infection. Interferon and Ribavirin are

the most effective combination for treating HCV. The side effects of this treatment are similar

to the ones listed above, with a few additions. Ribavirin can cause anemia, (low red blood cell count), kidney failure, and birth defects. Pregnant women should avoid Ribavirin for these

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reasons. HAV, HBV, and HAV, HBV, and HCV are on the rise. It's important for people with fully-functioning immune systems to be aware of the dangers regarding these three types of hepatitis. People with immune-system dysfunction, such as those with cancer and HIV/AIDS, need to be especially vigilant in regard to this family of viral infections. Talking with your doctor about getting vaccinated for HAV and HBV is a good starting point, and getting good starting point, and getting tested for all three types is recom-mended if possible. It's important to realize that there are other viruses out there besides HIV, and caution should be watchword of the day. If you are living with HIV/AIDS, don't let hepatitis C add a new host of problems to your existing ones. Be prudent and careful, and monitor your health condition with the help of your doctor. ▼

Additional information can be found on the World Wide Web at: http://www. hivandhepatitis.com.

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A doll's house

by Jim Provenzano

ongratulations to the women of Purdue for winning the NCAA finals over the disappointing performance of

Duke University.

For those not basket-bally-inclined, the Final Four is the last round of women's college basketball, and thousands of lesbians descended upon San Jose for the greatest annual hoop showdown, which ex-plains why Bernal Heights was vacant **Sports** last Sunday.
The Examiner fea-

spread of the game, including a shot of Duke's team huddled in tears after their defeat. It makes me wonder why they do that for women's teams, but not so often

The fact that some of these

women, on and off the court, may be lesbians, but not out, is the subject matter of no small con-troversy, but remains a non-issue

But does it matter? Should it matter? In a perfect world, of course not. In a vastly homopho-bic world where an

oppressed subcul-ture such as our own clings desperately to any role model, it does mat-

I was pleased to see TV coverage of women's basketball finals include a shot of scads of girljocks lining up

of girljocks lining up to get autographs from their favorite basketball stars on the usually heinous ABC News, which of course is owned by Disney (known by its employees as Mouse-wich – rhymes with Auchwitz), whose manipulative love/hate relationship with queer



An exhibition from the dolly school of surrealism

folk is a lot like women's basket-ball. It's pretty well-known that they run the place, but nobody admits it.

Yet, to see so many young ath-letes admiring their heroines – no matter their orientation – was heart-warming. Girls regularly have to suffer the slings and arrows of lesbophobia if they choose to play sports. What goes through the mind of a young straight woman accused of being a dyke? What about a baby dyke? who feels compelled to "prettify' herself and deny her Sapphic ten dencies, since being an openly les-bian high school or college stu-dent raises the threat of verbal and physical violence to heights no kid should have to bear?

But more important, what about those basketball-playing Barbie dolls?

Across Manhattan's Fifth Av-Across Manhattan's Fifth Avenue where another shrine to an overgrown cult – St. Patrick's Cathedral – looms, the immense and strangely designed NBA store greets you with sculpture right out of Cocteau's Beauty and the Beast. Bronzed arms clutching basketballs

serve as revolving door handles.
Once inside, looming multiple-screen TV monitors bombard shoppers with a taped array of basketball broadcast moments.

Swirling downward, a blond wood ramp (possibly inspiring an Xtreme shopping experience for wheelchair customers) lures shoppers down to a mini-court where, for a fee, they can shoot hoop on camera, blue-screened to show

them on court with NBA stars!
The store also has products of course, lots of products. It's all about products. NBA hats, jerseys,

key chains, sweaters, shirts, placemats, pants, cups, cup holders, snow globes, autographed portraits of Magic Johnson, posters, pictures, pins, and potholders, all celebrating the joys of hoopdom, capturing the intangible moment in gold, silver, wool, ceramic, plastic and polyester and polymer.

And shuttled into a corner, way in the back, next to a bin full of orange b-balls, are the WNBA products. Yes, women too, can be

products. Yes, women too, can be just as easily commodified.

An odd combination of tradi-tional femme icon and modern Title IX totem, row upon row of multicultural dolls await purchase. I didn't witness any purchases of said dolls, which include the sorta-Latina Teresa® Asianesque Kira® and the Neo-African-

American Christie®.
Forget the horrendous news that people's names have become registered trademarks (wipe those from your baby name books, future parents, or you'll get sued by a toy conglomerate that employs slave labor in China!). Each of the dolls' appearances are not too eth-nic to scare off white consumers, but paled up enough to irk any-one else.

Can a WNBA doll inspire a

Can a WNBA doll inspire a child to do what the doll represents? In all my years of playing with GI Joes, I never joined the Army, save for wanting to attend a military academy, but that was just because the boys in the New York Times Sunday Magazine prepshool add were so the Later. school ads were so cute. Later viewings of The Lords of Discipline assured my parents' wisdom in limiting my education to public

But can a toy like Christie

change behavior? Does the toy-ified representation of a sport in-spire kids to play said sport? And why don't they make those weird

why don't they make those weird big-headed figurines for women athletes? Because they know better? The big question is, what do girls do with their Kira dolls? Do they call up their pals for a game of doll hoop? Do they let their other BarbieTM play femme "part-ners" who sit in miniature bleachners who sit in miniature bleach-ers and cheer them on, only tak-ing notes for a tell-all autobio and divorce scandal at a later date? Do femme dolls borrow outfits from Dennis Rodman dolls? Are Jerry

Maguire dolls sold separately?

Do Teresa dolls do interviews with Sportscaster Barbie™? Or do they play more realistic games like Rumor Fight, or Contract Rip-Off, while the Michael Jordan™ dolls make a hundred times that of an entire women doll's team for doing one commercial with Tweetie Bird®?

Perhaps in response to the piles of "Reduced-for-Clearance piles of "Reduced-for-Clearance since we realized how stupid they are" Billy Dolls®, some entrepreneurial wimmin will come out with an expanded line of toys, say Tammy the Truck Driver®, Rhonda the Roller Derby Dame®, or even Billy Jean®, the doll that comes in two versions.

comes in two versions.

And if boys buy them, (Hey, it could happen) do they wish for a scale-model court to go with them? Should they desire male cheerleaders for gender balance? Is there a collectibles market for dolls that don't get their contracts ense that uoint get their contracts renewed because they're seen socializing with other dolls?

After all, if Jerry Falwell can out a doll, why can't we? ▼



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Sister scrum and suds

by Jim Provenzano

he Bay Area She Hawks (BASH) Women's Rugby Club will host its 13th annual Bay Area Invitational Tour-nament this Saturday and Sunday, April 3 and 4 at the Polo Fields in April 3 and 4 at the Polo Fields in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. Matches take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m, and best of all, it's free! Eleven teams from throughout

the United States, both club and collegiate, will compete in two days of action-packed, competi-tive rugby. Come and see some real footie without all that padding

and corporate interference.

BASH has proudly represented the Bay Area by claiming the Women's Rugby National Championship Title in 1989, 1992, 1993, and 1995.

major sponsor of BASH, and only one of many whose tasty products offered at the concession stand. The beers of Lost Coast are lov-ingly watched over by "Master" Brewer Barbara Groom, a former pharmacist who knows her medi-cinal compounds. Her partner, in the brewery and life, is Wendy Pound, a family counselor by vo-



Lost Coast Brewery logo, Mr. Downtown Brown, with founders Wendy Pound and Barbara Groom.

Together the couple bought the Pythian Castle in Eureka, Calthe Pythian Castle in Eureka, California in 1889, remodeled the 1892 wood frame building, and they opened the Lost Coast Brewery and Cafe in 1990. Pound is business manager and Groom brews award-winning ales and beers that range from white wheat heaves to any beauty all the properties. beers to nut brown ales, with and without real fruit additions like apricots and raspberries. The women make it clear they're talk-ing about actual fruit, and not nasty-tasting flavoring, for those

who like their suds fruity.

This is the first year Groom and Pound have sponsored BASH, and they will also support Park in May. ArtSpan's auction in Golden Gate Park in May. ArtSpan is the group that organizes the Open Studios event for thousands of artists in San Francisco every year.

Come on out to the Polo Grounds and check out some strong brews and strong athletes, and drink a toast to the passing of that old myth that women are the weaker sex.

Turn in your leaders to SF Foundation

by Cynthia Laird

ominations are now being accepted for the 1999 San Francisco Foundation Community Leadership Awards, recognizing significant contributions to the improvement, protec-tion, or enhancement of Bay Area communities and their residents.

Individuals and nonprofit or-ganizations in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties can be nomi-nated for awards. Up to four awards will be made, with indi-viduals receiving \$10,000 each and organizations getting \$20,000 awards. The deadline for nomina-tions is Friday, April 30. To nominate someone, people should write a letter to the foun-

dation that outline both the nom-inee's specific contributions to the quality of life in the Bay Area, and how the nominee has worked with and inspired others. For example, this work may confront so-cial problems, address environmental concerns, or support arts

and humanities.

Nomination letters should be limited to two single-spaced pages and there are specific margin and point type requirements. In addition to the letter, a list of four references, other than the nominator, should be included

The awards are selected by a panel of community leaders from throughout the Bay Area. Award recipients will be announced in September, with the presentations occurring in November.

The San Francisco Foundation

is a community foundation serving donors and nonprofits in the Bay Area. Its mission is to mobilize re sources and guide their use to pro-mote vibrant, sustainable communications throughout the Bay Area. Last year's award winners were:
• The Tenderloin Neighborhood

Development Corporation, which has taken an active role in meeting the community's economic devel-opment and housing needs.

opment and nousing needs.

• A Home Away from Home-lessness, which creates a secure space and caring environment for homeless families in San Francis-co and Marin counties.

• Marya Grambs, an Albany

resident who's an activist and developer of organizations for women and girls including the San Francisco Women's Building, Girls' After School Academy, and La Casa de las Madres

one of the premier dancers and teachers in the Bay Area for more than 30 years and a founding member of a number of influential local arts and cultural organizations. ▼

For more information, contact the awards coordinator at (415) 733-8560, via e-mail at clb@sff.org, or check out the foundation's website at www.sff.org/typesofawards.ht

SF Foundation offers funding to queer-positive Bay Area students

by Mark Norby

Sex clubs **⋖** page **5**

he Markowski-Leach Schol-arship Fund of the San Fran-cisco Foundation is now accepting applications for its 1999 academic scholarship awards, available to gay and lesbian stu-dents at San Francisco State Uni-versity, Stanford University, or the University of California, Berkeley, Scholarships will be given to stu-dents who will be enrolling in continuing education in upper-divi-sion undergraduate coursework, or to students who have been ac-

cepted in a graduate program for the 1999-2000 academic year. The purpose of the scholarship awards is to "make a substantial contribution to society, thereby enhancing society's perception of gay and lesbian people, as well as increasing the gay and lesbian community's self-esteem," accord-ing Cedric Brown, director of scholarships at the San Francisco Foundation. The scholarship fund has assisted 80 students in the Bay Area since its creation in 1991.

The awards are for \$1,250 each, which will be distributed to each selected recipient over the course of the academic year. Further infor-mation is available by calling the foundation at (415) 733-8500, or by obtaining an application available at each school's financial aid office, or via e-mail at MLScholr@netbox.com. The dead-line for applications is April 16. ▼



Paul Cotten, rear, education director at the Steamworks bathhouse talks about safer sex programs at the town meeting.

tensive safer sex education pro-gram, and noted that many men feel more comfortable and more able to negotiate about sex in private spaces. Several speakers echoed Cotten's claim that bathhouses can be good venues for sexual health education.

scribed that establishment's ex-

CUSP co-founder Jonathan Klein stated that he felt that noth-ing had changed in the two years since the sex club regulations were instituted, and that the rules were a product of a different era in which people did not know how to prevent AIDS. He said that San Francisco "alone among other cities" has settled on a no-baththat in New York City, bathhouse swith private rooms exist, while San Francisco-style "stand up" sex clubs are prohibited.

Clubs are prohibited.

For several speakers, the sex club issue is only one aspect of a larger issue of gay culture and liberation. Kirk Read, who came of age in the post-bathhouse era, spoke eloquently on the role of the baths as a gay community institution, asserting that "locking doors rewital to queer culture since they." tion, asserting that "locking doors are vital to queer culture, since they allow privacy, and thus conversation." Calling for "more democratics ex spaces," Read said he wanted "bathhouses that welcome people of all genders ... that bring together young and old, travelers, locals and travelers that bedy beautiful. and transplants, the body beautiful and the rest of us mortals." Wednesday's meeting was no-

of members and supporters of ACT UP/San Francisco, who question whether HIV causes AIDS and oppose the use of antiretroviral drugs. ACT UP/SF's Dave Pasquarelli said that Katz's own study showed that HIV incidence study showed that FIV incidence had peaked and begun to decline in 1982, two years before the 1984 bathhouse closure. Pasquarelli as-serted that "gay men are not public health menaces," and emphasized the need to "re-evaluate everything we've been told about AIDS since the early 80s." Ronnie Burk, also of ACT UP/SF, asserted burk, also of ACT OF785, asserted that "a new wave of gay liberation is coming to San Francisco, and the AIDS crisis is over," a remark that drew considerable applause.

A fracas broke out as several

attendees opposed such senti-ments. One participant stated that he was there only to discuss the baths, not queer liberation. A ver-bal free-for-all briefly ensued until

bal free-for-all briefly ensued until a security officer intervened, allowing the meeting to continue without further incident.

Various speakers said they felt that attempts to sway the DPH had gone nowhere, and that the community needed to take legal action or involve the mayor and action or involve the mayor and board of supervisors in changing the city's policies. Marti Paschal, an aid to Supervisor Mark Leno, said that Leno feels that "bathhouses are a vital part of gay so-cial and sexual community," and can be venues for health education. Petrelis proposed the idea of a ballot initiative calling for a re-opening of bathhouses in the city.

One attendee noted that the gay community is divided about the issue of bathhouses, and questioned why only about 50 people attended the meeting. Van Gorder later took up this theme, stating that he did not believe sex clubs and bathhous-

s were "a particularly compelling sue" for most gay men, and that other institutions – such as the planned Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Community Center Project, of which Van Gorder is a board member – are "more important for our community.

When he was finally given an opportunity to speak near the end of the meeting, Katz said, "I wish AIDS was over, but I don't believe it's true." He stated that he believed that "businesses have a re-sponsibility to ensure that unsafe sex does not occur," and emphasized that the sex club regulation apply only to commercial establishments, not to private individ-uals. Katz indicated that he did not foresee a change in the city's sex club and bathhouse policy. Katz's and Van Gorder's remarks

drew jeers from some participants, who accused them of being "assim-ilationists" and demanded their resinationists and demanded their res-ignation. Members of ACT UP/SF, chanted and carried signs reading "Fire the Liars" and "HIV is a Lie," followed the unflappable Katz as he left the hall.

The second announced item on the meeting's agenda was to be a report from Van Gorder on his activities as health coordinator, but the sex club testimony con-sumed all the scheduled time. Van Gorder distributed a written summary of his work from July 1994 to the present. ▼

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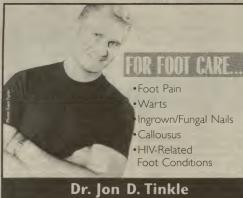
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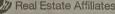
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The City and County of San Francisco Department of Human Services (SFDHS), announces it's intent to seek qualifications from individuals interested in contracting to provide coordination for the Title IV-E Shared Family Care Program.

The contract will provide \$50,700 over the period from 7/1/99 to 6/30/00. This contract may be renewed depending on performance of contractor.

An RFP packet may be picked up at SFDHS, 170 Otis, 8th Floor beginning 3/29/99. Office hours are from 8am to 5pm.

The Respondent's Conference will be held on Tuesday, 4/20/99 at 2:00pm at 170 Otis, 8th Floor, SF, CA. For further information, call John Tsutakawa at (415) 557-5680. Due date for responses is May 3, 1999 at 5pm

City and County of San Francisco **Department of Human Services** Request for Proposals #161

The City and County of San Francisco Department of Human Services (SFDHS) announces its intent to seek proposals to provide family mentor services for the Ruth E. Smith Foster Care Demonstration Project

The contract will provide \$4,732,962 over the period from 7/1/99 to 6/30/2002. As part of a five year demonstration project, this contract may be renewed depending on performance of contractor

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Due date for responses is 5/11/99 at 5:00PM.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

To Whom It May Concern: The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: Rue Post Corporation The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverages Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 663 Haight st san francisco, ca 94117. For the following type of License:

MAR.18.25, APR. 1 1999

STATEMENT FILE NO230038

The following person(s) are doing business a Wren Miller Co. 170 Duboce Avenue. #11 San Francisco, Ca. 94103-1131. This business is conducted by an Individual, signed Wren H. Miller. The registrant(s) commence to transact business under the above listed fictitious business mame or names on 3/22/99. The statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on 03/22/99. MAR.25,APR.1,8,15 1999.

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A petition for probate has been filed by Alphona J. Carico in the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco. The petition for probate reguests that Aldona J. Carico, be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approxal. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held on-April 26,1999. Time-gam Dept.204.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections of file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of let-

ters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filling claims will mot expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above. You may examine the fle kept by the court. If you are a person interest of in the extra word may file with the court. kept by the court. If you are a person interest-ed in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of es-tate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for petitioner Kevin W. Finck. Two Embarcadero Center, Suite 1670 San Francisco, Ca. 94111. (415)

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STATMENT FILE NO. 229601 The following person(s) are doing business as, Aoyama International, 172 Haight Street Apt. #5, San Francisco, Ca. 94102. This business is conducted by an individual, signed Theresa Y.C. Kao.The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above

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Chi Chi LaRue and Terrance Alan prepare for Feast II by Mark Norby

ex. More complicated than politics, and far more engaging. More spiritu-al for some than religion, and more stimulating. Feast is a party celebrat-ing the freedom of queer sex. Feast's pro-moter Terrance Alan strives to show how a lighter, less emotional and more sport-like attitude toward sex can emancipate the

can emancipate the human libido. Feast II is open to everyone, but its flavor is decidedly homoerotic, by the designs of Alan, a gay man. I inter-viewed him and the viewed him and the featured star of the party, Miss Chi Chi LaRue, last week. It was my first time meeting Alan and a chance to look at his life's work, culminating in his pansexual cabaret.

It was not my first time meeting Chi Chi LaRue. I've been fortunate to

been fortunate to know this larger-than-life, pansexual porno princess for 19 years. She's her own feast, and she'll be raising the rafters at Feast II with her

numbers. But what's this chick really all about, directing porn or being an enigmatic superstar?

Chi Chi was born Lawrence Paciottti, raised on the iron range in the small north-ern town of Hibbing, Minnesota. We met in Minneapolis when I was a 15-year-old high school student. Chi Chi was 20 and working

school student. Chi Chi was 20 and working at the take-out counter of a pizzeria. Chi Chi introduced me to porn. Straight porn, actually, because that's what she liked. Chi Chi also introduced me to the films of John Waters and the dangers of Tanqueray gin. We're both living on the coast now, and not all that much has changed. She still likes straight porn, and I still like her. We had a long chat last week, reliving old memories and anticipating new ones, as she prepares to hop on a plane from Los Angeles for Feast II here in San Francisco.

Mark Norby: You're a long way from ped-dling pizzas in Minneapolis, eh?

Chi Chi LaRue: Oh honey, you have no idea! I gained so much weight ringin' up pizzas. I was back on the iron range up in Hibbing a couple of months ago with French film director Mike Aho. He's doing a documentary on me, and it was such a trip being back there. I saw my mother, who's really cool. And then we went down to Minneapolis to the Saloon, where I performed my rock numbers.

Does your mom know everything that you do, being the world's leading porn director

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It's fun to be at the YMCA

Take the Young Stranger by the Hand: Same-Sex Relationships and the YMCA by John Donald Gustav-Wrathall; The University of

ost of us associate the YMCA with gyms, sex, the Village People, and an institution so tame as to seem invisible. In Take the Young Stranger by the Hand: Same-Sex Relations and the YMCA, author John Donald Gustav-Wrathall suggests that none of this is accidental. Throughout its history the X has centered on sublimated that none of this is accidental. Throughout its history the Y has centered on sublimated eroticism and same-sex bonding. Yet 20th-century administrators, terrified of the implications, have sought to make the organization seem uncontroversial and bland.

Established in the United States in 1851, the YMCA functioned at first as a Christian support

YMCA functioned at first as a Christian support group for young men lost in the cities. It got its charge, however, from the fact that "Young men simply liked being together. They enjoyed and were energized by each other." Intense friendships were pledged in the name of "Christian Brotherhood" (often after fervent joint prayer sessions in bedrooms), and one general secretary attributed his organization's vitality to a "society of young men whose sentiments are love."

The Y's sublimated eroticism went unremarked upon in this age of intense friendships.

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but the Y had other problems, such as being seen competing with local churches. Also, a large proportion of its target population just weren't being drawn in by Bible classes. The Y needed a lure to get young men off the streets and found it in gyms and physical education programs. The churches couldn't complain that athletics

infringed on their turf, and the Y premises were soon teeming with men lifting weights while admiring photos of men in briefs.

Shifting its conception of manhood from "manly" character to manly physique, the Y began to put astonishing stress on the glories of the male form. In the process it eroticized

men's bodies to an extent it would later regret. Gym instructors wore flesh-colored tights, and members were invited to compare measurements. Public athletic shows were popular, and an editorial in the Y newsletter observed that a dumbbell drill performed by

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by Roberto Friedman and Mark Mardon

ot only is it April 1, April Fool's Day, as Out There meets its early-bird readers, but it's also our Issue #13 of the year, always a number to keep an eye on. We're scared, but thank gawd we're not the type of publi-cation to celebrate the Fool's Day with "funny" captions or photo credits. We'll leave that to other, dwindling rags.

Every day is April Fool's Day to Out There. Consider the production of Red, White, and Tuna just in town at the Marines Memorial. Last time the Tuna boat came by, we were whisked up to the producers' suite on opening night and lavished bub-Out

bly upon. Pal **Pepi** was fawned over and allowed to smoke (!) inover and anowed to smoke (†) Inside (!!), and flattered with the line, "Oh, you look just like you could be [Tuna co-star] **Jaston** Williams' younger brother!" And it was true, if you squinted a little

It was true, it you squarted a little in the right light. This year at the new *Tuna*: nothing. Well, that's not strictly true, since there were the same pro-

ducers, same bubbly, bigger suite
— but kind blandishments for
Pepi? *Nada*. Could it be Pepi's new chosen hair color, powder blue?
Does he look like part of a blue-hair matinee crowd? But he is so popular with toddlers these days!

Shirley, you jest

There

Well, we've been punished enough. This week, in addition to the inauspicious portents all around, our art director and his

art-rock band are off on a glamorous road tour. We're reduced to eating bonbons and peeping through our peeping through our repertory cinema calendars. This time the perusal pays off, for we notice that cult classic The Honeymoon Killers is set to play the Red Vic Movie House on April 14-15. That would be the 1969 gem in which livin'-large immortal Shirley Stoller (RIP) plays a zaftig Miss Lonelyhearts

plays a zaftig Miss Lonelyhearts on a killing spree. The film was di-rected by **Leonard Kastle**, but originally, genius director and **Kazan**-collaborator **Martin**

Scorsese was supposed to helm.
Oddly, Entertainment Weekly
and the other bibles of the celluloid trade neglected to mention



Shirley Stoller

this cult classic last month when recapping La Stoller's career in their obits. But Out There readers know this for an oversight and will be lining up outside the the-atre. Call 668-3994 for showtimes.

Going for baroque

We made our way to Herbst Theatre last Friday, prepared to enjoy a pleasant 17th-century experience with the Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra under the masterful baton of Nicholas McGegan. On the program were

some of our favorite pieces by Corelli, Vivaldi and Pietro Locatelli. It took our minds off catelli. It took our minds off cruising, since the audience was mostly gray-haired, well-heeled, and a bit on the stuffy side. Sprinkled through the crowd was a smattering of gay men, so we didn't feel too removed from our natural element. The first piece, by Corelli, went

natural element.
The first piece, by Corelli, went smoothly, but it was the second piece that really woke us up, giving us a whole new appreciation for Baroque music, or at least a certain Baroque musician. When



Horacio Franco

guest recorder soloist Horacio Franco took the stage to play Vi-valdi's Recorder Concerto in C Minor, RV 441, you could almost hear the audience's collective heart attack. Franco strutted out in a slinky skin-tight top and shinystinky skin-tight top and shiny-black, form-fitting trousers, every bulge and ripple of his hugely pumped-up muscles popping out, accentuated by the spotlight. That massive chest; those curvaceous thighs; that punk hairdo; most especially, that prominent bulge down there, unmistakably trending toward the right. Believe us, eyes were popping in that hall and pacemakers were doing overtime; it was as though a Chippendale dancer had come to entertain. And that Franco did, swiveling his hips, dipping his shoulders, fondling—er, fingering his recorder with extraordinary deftness. We think he missed a few notes, but since he was elaborating on the score, playmissed a few notes, but since he was elaborating on the score, playing about twice as many notes as called for, a few lost ones hardly mattered. After everyone gossiped about the muscle queen during intermission, they—and he—were relaxed for his second number. And believe us, Franco stroked that tiny necolo into aproxysms of that tiny piccolo into paroxysms of pure musical ecstasy.

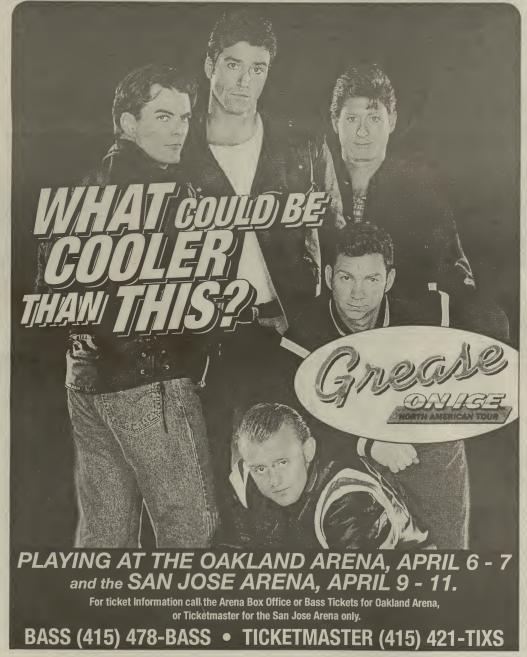
English leather

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Bitchy British journalist Julie
Burchill, interviewed in Attitude
magazine, on neocon gay writer
and editor Andrew Sullivan:
"Oh! Andrew's LUV-LEP! 1 ate his
chewing gum once to prove I'm
not homophobic. He's very conservative though. But he's
Catholic, isn't he? ... I think he's
looking to marry a doctor. ... Andrew's the sort of person who'd be
completely happy to live in a
kitchen in a plastic pinny, but it's
not for all of us, is it?"

We subscribe to this fey fag

kitchen in a plastic pinny, but it's not for all of us, is it?"

We subscribe to this fey fag fash mag because otherwise we'd never know about things like the Necrocard, a handy donor card to carry in your wallet on which you can request that after your death: "A. my body be used for any type of sexual activity" or "B. gay only/straight only/I do not wish my body to be dismembered or disfigured during necrophiliac sex," checking off what's appropriate. A group called the Neoist Alliance is behind the Necrocard, which proclaims, "I want to help others experiment sexually after my death." Attitude christens it "the ideal gift for that disco bunny who thinks he has everything." Oh who thinks he has everything." Oh those wacky Brits. ▼



Dept. of Student Affairs

'Woody and Me' in Rhino Studio

by Richard Dodds

he new comedy Woody and Me is described in the program as "rewriting America's favorite taboo," which invests proscribed student-teacher relationships with more popularity than perhaps deserved. But how is this taboo rewritten? That it is two men dabbling in officially sanctions. this taboo rewritten? That it is two men dabbling in officially sanc-tioned behavior may provide some of the promised "rewrite," but it is what comes between the first awkward flirtation and a very tentative move toward consum-mation that gives Woody and Me its distinctive edge.

its distinctive edge.
Far from being a prurient look at campus hijinks, Brad Erickson's play is more interested in dis-cussing reality, religion, and the role of the artist, not to mention the meaning of life. Indeed, there are long stretches when the budding May-December romance is backburnered for existential declamations and debates, with Woody Allen, of all people, invoked to provide the closest thing

The setting is the office of film professor Lewis Thompson, whose eyes light up when his stu-dent John arrives asking for a letter of recommendation. Dr. Thompson begins putting the make on the befuddled John, who confides under seductive interro-gation that he had considered suicide until a line in Annie Hall gave

him the strength to go on. The professor's sudden hot-to-trot be-havior doesn't ring entirely true for this stick-in-the-mud, whose life has been likened to "a stale rice life has been likened to "a stale rice cake." And again rather too quickly to be plausible, John decides he has found his soulmate in Dr. Thompson, just as the professor begins backtracking for fear of losing his job. When a radical feminist instructor walks in on the pair at a compromising moment, a new cyclone of philosophical debate is stirred.

The play certainly spins some

sophical debate is stirred.

The play certainly spins some interesting ideas, and if they can be a bit theatrically dry, Erickson punctuates them with dollops of humor. The most refreshing source of that humor is provided by Kikelomo Adedeji as the radfem prof, a character painted somewhat as a cartoon but that Adedeji makes real in a vivid, intense performance. tense performance.

Unfortunately, in the case of the professor, the plausibility that the playwright misses is not enhanced by the actor — who happens to be the playwright. Erickson, whose the playwright. Erickson, whose program bio indicates a considerable acting background, foregoes all subtlety in his performance as Thompson, and there is nothing in this overly gesticulating, mugging, and annoyingly fussy character that could possibly lure a handsome young student. But as John, Kevin Clarke, though clearly not 19, does a good job of suggesting appealingly impressionable youth.

Woody and Me, being presented under the auspices of First Seen in the Studio at Theatre Rhino, is not the kind of gay play that will provide any commercial competi-tion to the likes of 10 Naked Men in the main theatre upstairs. But it is a play with enough compelling components to warrant a simple production in a low-overhead space like the Studio. One expense that should not be spared, however, is on a non-playwriting actor to play the professor. ▼

Woody and Me will run in the Studio at Theatre Rhino through April 10. Tickets are \$15-\$18. Call 861-5079.



Kevin Clarke in Woody and Me

Argentine days

Berkeley Rep's 'The Magic Fire'

by Richard Dodds

ou Can't Take It With You meets The Glass Menagerie meets Brighton Beach Memoirs meets Uncle Vanya in The Magic Fire, Lillian Garrett-Groag's memory play at Berkeley Rep. That's an awful lot of meetings and you could probably also. ings, and you could probably also throw in an encounter with Wag-ner's Ring cycle, but all these styl-istic borrowings can't provide the mantle of import that the three-

mante of import that the three-hour play so earnestly cultivates. "Argentina drifts in and out of my head like a ghost ship," says the narrator in one of several heavy-handed bouts with Ten-nessee Williams-style poetic dia-logue as she sets the scene for this

tale of her childhood. A childhood, she later says, in which "I acquired a residue of unearned ruefulness."

The grown-up Lise Berg, the stand-in for the playwright, appears to be a tortured soul who recreates her family life in Buenos Aires of the early '50s in an attempt to sort out her malaise. But there is an imbalance between her tempt to sort out her malaise. But there is an imbalance between her angst and the world that she is so laboriously dissecting from afar. Her family's passion for opera, for example, may have somehow turned her into a social misfit, when a less critical observer may see a protective, nurturing, and attentive family that viewed culture as a human need, and often included little Lise in these purincluded little Lise in these purThe members of this large, boisterous family are a fallible lot, Lise comes to realize with disappointment as her memories unfold. She is particularly unnerved in retrospect by their efforts to sequester themselves from the political realities taking place outside the heavily draped windows of their handsome home, smartly realized by scenic designer Ralph alized by scenic designer Ralph Funicello.

Funicello.

The family, a merger of Italian and Austrian stock, had left Europe with the rise of Hitler and Mussolini, only to find that Argentina under Juan Peron and his ailing wife was acquiring a distinct patina of fascism. The grown Lise (an able Kandis Chappell) refers to Eva Peron as "that woman,"

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Irish spring

Festival of Irish Women Playwrights

by Deborah Peifer

t's a great day for theatregoers.

Magic Theatre is hosting a festival of plays written by Irish women — a dandy way to remind us that not all Irish playwrights are men. Even more exciting, four of the five women playwrights will be in residence at the Magic of the festival. This means a great chance not only to see this cutting-edge work, but to meet some of the women who are creating it. I spoke with Magic's artistic director, Larry Eilenberg, who was the founder of this Celtic feast.

the founder of this Celtic feast.

"Part of my business has to do with new plays," Eilenberg explains, "and when I've been in London, the big news in new plays was coming out of Ireland. I saw lots of plays by young Irish men, and I was intrigued by them. What surprised me was that I wasn't hearing the women's voices. There were lots of women's plays, of course, but they just were not getting as much no-

plays, of course, but they not getting as much no-tice. I began reading and searching for plays by Irish women, and then began wondering how we could get them here"

A fortuitous connection between Magic board members and the America-

to a proposal, funding and a festival. "The plays," he enthuses, "are as varied as you can imagine; the range is enormous. These are voices that have not been heard."

My delight at the idea of the festival became something more like ecstasy when I learned that like ecstasy when I learned that one of the playwrights was none other than author Emma Donoghue (Hood, Stir-Fry, Kissing the Witch, and more). A chance to talk with a writer I admire so much is one of the reasons that I love this job, so I dialed a million numbers (OK, 11) and connected with an extraordinary person. with an extraordinary person. Here's some of our conversation.



"I started writing poetry when I was seven — awful stuff about fairies," Donoghue says. Her father is a literary critic — proof positive, I believe, that something good can come out of critics, if not criticism. "I grew up seeing the name Donoghue on the backs of books, and knew that writing was something I could do."

Donoghue contin-

Donoghue continued writing poetry until she was 19 and a university student in Dublin, when

she saw an ad for a flatmate that suggested the plot of Stir-Fry. She made the switch to prose, and cre-ated a funny, absurd and touching tale of coming out, falling in love, and house-hunting. "Of course, once I wrote the novel, I had to once I wrote the novel, I had to come out. Coming out in Ireland was not pleasant, but I can't blame Ireland, not after all the horror stories I've heard of people coming out in other places. Until you're out, you don't realize how much energy you spend keeping the lid on. I'd had a girlfriend since I was 16," she laughs, "which meant I was privileged — I got onto the fun bits early on. My girlfriend and I wore skirts — we

were lipstick lesbians before there was such a thing — and that protected us. It's amazing what you can get away with if you wear a skirt."

Good grief

Good grief
Donoghue's second novel,
Hood, is a powerful study of grief.
"I found that publishers think we
have only one story, and even
though they don't mind the same
story over and over from heterosexuals, they only want it once
from us. Hood was my revenge on
my convent school days. I needed
a meaty subject, so I decided I'll
write a death book. I've never had
a serious bereavement, so I had to
imagine what this would be like imagine what this would be like
— I did a lot of research, talked to people — I never want to muck up with people's feelings." Donoghue moved to England, where she earned a Ph.D. at Cam-

where she earned a Ph.D. at Cambridge, and wrote more books. By this time, Donoghue was writing not only fiction, but also plays (she started that as an undergraduate in Dublin). Donoghue is a scholar as well as a novelist. Her most recent scholarly effort is We Are Michael Field, a biography about two Victorian lesbian poets who lived together and wrote under a male pseudonym, which came out at the end of last year. She edited an anthology of women's poetry, Poems Between Women, and found she liked creating anthologies, although her Women, and found she liked creating anthologies, although her description of how she works — "I get to sit in the library, flick through others' work, and pick out the ones I like" — belies the extraordinary introduction she wrote for Poems Between Women, which every critic praised for its depth, concision and readability. It was at Cambridge that "I wrote my first proper play. Novels

It was at Cambridge that "I wrote my first proper play. Novels are better for psychological depth, but characters need to talk and walk about." Ladies and Gentlemen, her second play, will be given two staged readings at the festival. The play is set backstage, and is based on the life of an American vaudevillian, Annie Hindle, who



Bay Area Theater Critics Circle Awards

Gays in the winners circle

by Richard Dodds

eautiful Thing, Jonathan Harvey's play about the blossoming of young gay love, was a big winner at the 22nd annual Bay Area Theater Critics Circle Awards ceremony held Monday night. The New Conser-vatory Theatre's staging of the London hit shared the top honors for best local production in the non-musical category with ACT's Golden Child.

Golden Child.

It was one of four awards that Beautiful Thing earned New Conservatory Theatre. Its other citations included Nathan Wheeler for best principal performance by a male in a non-musical (an award shared with Pandal) Duk Kim is shared with Randall Duk Kim in Golden Child), Ed Decker as best director (shared with Tony Tac-

director (shared with Tony Taccone for Berkeley Rep's Skytight), and best ensemble performance.

Another play with a gay perspective, Robert O'Hara's Insurection: Holding History produced by ACT, was also honored for its ensemble cast (with a third citation going to Word for Word's The Halfway Diner). John Fisher's Combatl, a story of gays in the military during World War II, shared the original script award with Octavio Solis' El Otro, presented by Thick Description.

Overall, Golden Child was the evening's big winner in the nonmusical category, taking home a total of six awards. Though nominated in the local-production

total of six awards. Though nom-inated in the local-production category, it was essentially a pre-Broadway package with a New York pedigree. In the musical cat-egory, Willows Theatre in Con-cord was cited nine times for its production of *Brimstone*, which focused on the strife in Northern

A total of 62 awards were pre-sented at the ceremonies staged at the Palace of Fine Arts. Voting rules allow for more than one winner to be chosen in each category. The Bay Area Theater Critics Circle Awards were chosen by 22 mem-bers reviewing for publications and broadcast outlets throughout the Bay Area (though the San Francis-

Bay Area (though the San Francisco Chronicle's and Examiner's critics do not participate.) More than
200 productions were considered
for the 1998 awards.

Other major awards for local
productions include: Michele
Morain in ACT's Old Times and
Julyana Soelistyo in ACT's Golden
Child for best principal performance by a female in a non-musical; Brimstone, Dames at Sea at the
Marine's Memorial, and Phantom
at the Peninsula Civic Light Opera
for best musical productions; Sid for best musical productions; Sid Cato in 42nd Street at the Penin-Cato in 42nd Street at the Peninsula Civic Light Opera and Bruce Thompson in Brimstone for best principal performances by a male in a musical; and Cindy Goldfied in Brimstone and Meg Mackay in Hello, Dolly! at the Mountain Play for best principal performance by a female in a musical.

Francesca Fanti in Orgasmo
Adulto Escapes from the Zoo at the
Marsh and John Robb in The Chinese Art of Placement at the
Phoenix Theatre were honored

Phoenix Theatre were honored for their solo performances.

In the touring musical category, Chicago was the critics' first choice, with Victor Talmadge and Marie Osmond from The King and I and Charlotte D'Amboise from Chicago winning in the performance extensives. formance categories.

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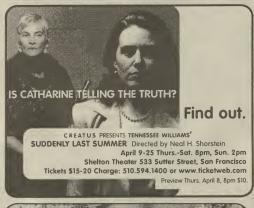
Nathan Wheeler and Jamey Marks in Beautiful Thing

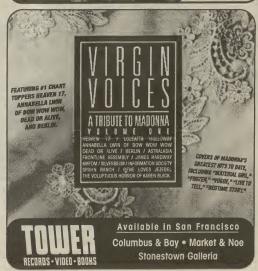
edy show seen at ACT, was cited as best touring production in the non-musical category. Barry non-musical category. Barry Humphries, as Dame Edna in *The* Royal Tour, beat out Christopher Plummer in Barrymore for best

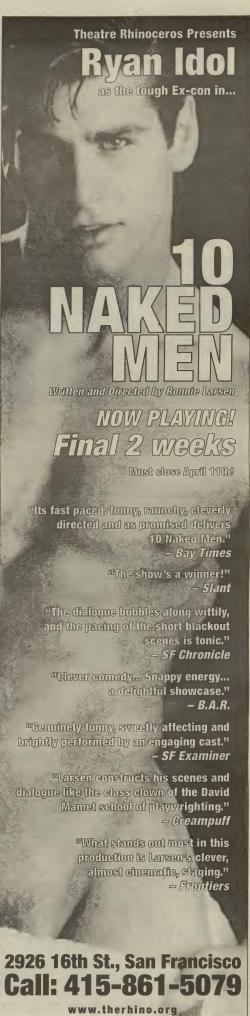
actor in a touring non-musical. Despite a largely tepid critical reaction, Elizabeth Ashley, who played Diana Vreeland in Full Gallop, was the only nominee in the female category. She won. ▼



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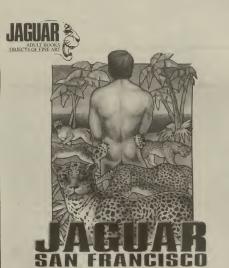
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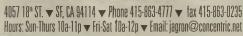


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He-e-ere's Andy...

'Pop Resurrection: A Warhol Weekend' at San Francisco Cinematheque

by Gary Morris

he Whitney Museum and New York MOMA's he Whitney Museum and New York MOMA's restoration of Andy Warhol's staggering film legacy — 4,000 individual works at last count — is making it possible to finally start to assess the Popmeister's contribution to cinema. For too long he's been associated with Paul Morrissey's distinctly different and ultimately quite un-Warholesque films like *Trash* and *Heat* (no put-down of those classics intended).

Warhol's disengagement with

sics intended). Warhol's disengagement with an art form whose course he radically altered is legendary; the image of a permanently distracted Andy turning on a camera, corralling some of his "superstars" to primp and prance in front of it, then wandering off on some new tangent seems if

front of it, then wandering off on some new tangent seems irrefutable. And arguably some of the best of the early films that are only recently available suggest another auteur at work: poet and campmeister Ronald Tavel.

But it's Warhol's personality that dominates, just as it does his more obviously personal works like the silkscreens. A film like Inner Space and Outer Space (1965), with multiple Edie Sedgwicks, is clearly related to the multiple Elvises, or electric multiple Elvises, or electric chairs, or soup cans. The obses-sion with surface, and the terror of what lies beneath it, that's rampant in his visual art is all over films like *Hedy* and *Horse* (both 1965) and, supremely, the hundreds of four-minute *Screen* Tests (1964-66) he shot that are just now being uncovered. And Warhol's attraction to everything kitsch, camp, and queer in his pop art is more than evident in pop art is more than evident in the films, the contributions of a fabulous parade of demented drag queens, preening hustlers, and self-absorbed fag hags notwithstanding. The S.F. Cinematheque's Pop Resurrection: A Warhol Weekend program, fresh from the Whitney, gives us a chance to judge these things first-hand.



Shower scene from Andy Warhol's 1967 Bike Boy

Warhol's sadistic streak (disand incompetence) is on display in the Screen Tests series. Mary Woronov shows surprising power in her brief segment; she's the only one of the ten subjects on view who resists Warhol's compand of claims testing by glazing when the starting by glaring back at the camera, tossing her head, and fighting back a smirk. Less resistant is Edie Sedgwick, seen here in all her fragile, fleeting beauty. Four minutes is plenty of time to watch a person begin ty of time to watch a person begin to unravel; that's what Edie, like several of the other subjects here, starts to do under Warhol's piti-

Under the knife

Less disturbing and definitely more campy is *Hedy*, starring leg-endary drag queen and Factory staple Mario Montez playing a

beleaguered Hedy Lamarr post-stardom. The opening shot of this 66-minute film has Hedy under 66-minute film has Hedy under the knife — she's getting plastic surgery to make her look like the "14-year-old girl" she imagines herself to be. While Hedy raves on about how beautiful she is, the surgeon (Ronald Tavel), perhaps sick of her mindless egotism, screams: "I'll give you the face of an 80-year-old hag!" From here, she goes to a "store" where she's caught shoplifting by a very young Mary Woronov. Next it's a trial, with Tavel now her judge, and her five ex-husbands (among and her five ex-husbands (among and her five ex-husbands (among them Gerard Malanga) her jury. Along the way she sings "I Feel Pretty" and "Young at Heart," while the husbands prance around her. Montez's Hedy is brilliantly detached from the melodrama



Paul Morrissey on DVD: Four camp classics

Golden trash

by Gary Morris

Gerri Miller: "You used to be dynamite, Joe. Don't you miss it?"
Joe Dallesandro: "Uh ... yeah."
— from Trash

t's a happy irony that four of the cornerstones of cinematic camp are making their ap-pearance on DVD. Like John Waters, director Paul Morrissey isn't known for his careful cinematography, or meticulous lighting, or even audible sound — in other words, all those things that DVD showcases to such great effect. Nonetheless, Flesh, Trash, Heat, Snowcases to such great erlect. Nonetheless, Flesh, Trash, Heat, and the previously unavailable Women in Revolt are among the most welcome of recent DVDs (they can also be had on VHS at sell-through prices) for their rarity, fetish interest, and sheer entertainment value. Self-absorbed drag queens, has-been B-movie actresses, churlish fag hags, fetching hustlers, effeminate vampires, and delusional junkies are Morrissey's gallery, and nobody does it better. Flesh, Trash, and Heat were "written, photographed, and directed" by Morrissey, while Women in Revolt gives him only the "written and directed" credits. Image Entertainment appears to have cleaned up the color and sound on these transfers just to the extent permissible without

sound on these transfers just to the extent permissible without compromising Morrissey's intentionally seedy production values, which act as a constant reminder of the seediness of his characters' lives and their rather pathetic aspirations. While none of the discs exploit the full potential of the medium — there's no director or actor commentary and little in the way of add-ons — there are chapter breakdowns and a few approway of add-ons — there are chapter breakdowns and a few appropriately campy fabricated clips (an ad for the fake TV show in Heat, "Joey Davis in The Big Ranch!"). For the army of devotees of Joe Dallesandro, DVD's flawless freeze frame will provide ample opportunity to inspect ample opportunity to inspect every pimple on Little Joe's leg-endary muscular butt.

The chronological first of the films is Flesh (1968); true to its title, it explores the famous flesh of Joe Dallesandro, how he uses it to get what he wants without ever get what he wants without ever himself being quite comfortable in it. The film's opening seems to be a recapitulation and a farewell to the Warhol aesthetic of interminable shots of passive people, but for Joe-watchers, it's reward enough to see him for what feels like ten minutes just sleeping naked on a bed, occasionally moving a little or brushing back his hair. From this point, there's a decipherable narrative that sets Morrissey apart from the story-free rissey apart from the story-free structures of his mentor. A typi-cally picaresque tale, *Flesh* is a day in the life of a New York hustler. We see in detail his meetings with various clients, male and female, and with the glittering, damaged denizens of this world —undenizens of this world —un-named novice hustlers eager for Joe's insights; drag queens Jackie Curtis and Holly Woodlawn, who are oblivious to his fleshly charms; Louis Waldron as a Korean war vet Louis Waldron as a Korean war vet whose pathetic interest in Joe is al-ways secondary to the economics; and Gerri Miller as a go-go dancer whose attempts to get Joe off are met with indifference. As always in Morrissey's films, it's the human personality with all its weaknesses and deviations that's most impor



Sylvia Miles, Joe Dallesandro and Pat Ast in Heat

tant, and Flesh is a fascinating

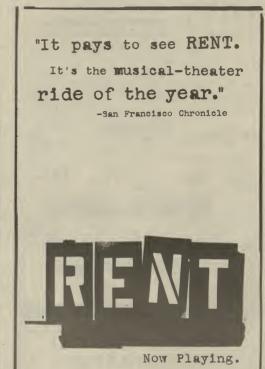
Hard knocks

Hard Knocks
Morrissey's next film, the classic Trash (1970), put him on the map, garnering positive reviews from most quarters for its pittless portrayal of a particular segment of New York street life, and doing it with humor and heart. In spite it with humor and heart. In spite of Warhol's imprimatur above the title ("Andy Warhol Presents Trash"), it's Morrissey's movie all the way. (The Warhol-Morrissey collaboration is mostly a myth; Warhol had nothing to do with these films.) Holly Woodlawn and Joe Dallesandro play a welfare couple — she a trash collector, he a heroin-addicted hustler who can barely get it up — trying to survive in an indifferent world. As barely get it up — trying to survive in an indifferent world. As with Flesh, the title has multiple meanings: trash is Holly's, and Joe's, living; and it's Holly's fate, the label pinned on her by society. In a series of unforgettable tableaux, Joe attempts to rob a rich New York couple, who end up playing mind games with him, asking him to rape the wife, and finally tossing him out; Holly masturbates with a beer bottle and catches Joe in bed with her sister ("Fuck you and your dog!" she screams in a fury worthy of Greek tragedy); and, best of all, Holly and Joe apply for welfare with a social worker who will only get them on the program if she sells him her shoes, which he wants to make into a lamp. The dialogue, typical of Morrissey's work, is a mix of planned and improvised, but inevitably it has the hard ring of reality; Holly's intensity and Joe's gorgeous passivity make us willingly, happily suspend disbelief.

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women in Revolt (1973) has a special place in the Morrissey camp canon. A staple of early '70s hip cinema, the film virtually disappeared after its initial run and was rarely revived, for reasons never quite clear. Women in Revolt is a hilarious satire of 1970s feminim that reads of its era, with its nism that reeks of its era, with its trio of "women" (actually drag queens) mindlessly grappling with "women's rights" while in fact spending most of their energy selling out the movement in favor of their own selfish desires. Legendary camp divas Jackie Cur-tis, Holly Woodlawn, and Candy Darling play the three "revotting" women. They form a group called P.I.G.S. (Politically Involved Girls)

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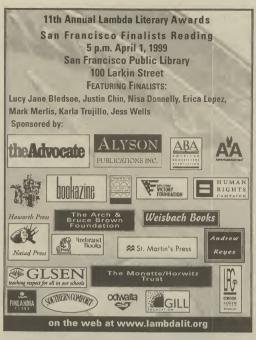
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Unsentimental journey

Poet Truong Tran goes back to Vietnam

by Andrew Huang

The Book of Perceptions by Chung Hoang Chuong and Truong Tran; Kearny Street Workshop Press, \$20

n an ideal world, language clucidates, expresses, and most of all expands the space of being; in the world we live in, language often is relegated to pigeonholing or confining our realm in life. In a paradoxical attempt, poet Truong Tran's new book *The Book of Perceptions* reaches for the goal of "usine words to make concrete of "usine words to make concrete." of Perceptions reaches for the goal of "sing words to make concrete the elusive nature of one's identi-ty as if language like glue could piece together the gathered frag-ments." He succeeds. Astounding-ly executed and brimming with haunting imageries, Tran's book haunting imageries, Tran's bool explores the experience of his hyexplores the experience of his hyphenated identities — Asian American, gay man, Catholic and writer — with such unflinching honesty and emotional bravery that he compels one to discard the remnants of fossilized language in return for the undiluted complexities and subdeties of life.

Created in partnership with

Created in partnership with the Huong Viet Community Cen-ter of Alameda, the organization of the Vietnamese American com-munity, this book was launched in conjunction with a photo and text exhibition at the Pacific Bridge exhibition at the Pacific Bridge Contemporary Southeast Asian Art Gallery. Begun as a project to foster understanding of the Vietnamese culture, the book brings together the photos of the second generation Vietnamese American Chung Hoang Chuong and the poetry of the first generation Truong Tran. This multigenerational effort brings about a clash of styles and perspectives, with Chuong's photos displaying a marked Third-World-seenthrough-American-eyes travelmarked Inira-World-seen-through-American-eyes travel-ogue tourism, while Tran's poetry emerges as the highlight because of its courage to probe into the specifics and complications of both the Vietnamese and the

American cultures.
With impressionistic images, stream-of-consciousness narra-tive and colloquial-jumping senthree and conoquiat-jumping sen-tences, Tran creates a wonderfully ambiguous and yet emotionally honest poetry, at the center of which is his trip back to Vietnam to grapple with his identity. Not one bit as easily swallowed as The Joy Luck Club, The Book of Percep-



Truong Tran

tions offers neither easy answers nor clear resolution at the end of its journey. More in the vein of Maxine Hong Kingston, or for that matter even Henry James, he investigates a life caught between

investigates a life caught between the old and new cultures. The world Tran delves into is the so-called "1.5" generation, the ones who relocated to the US early in their lives and therefore retain their original cultural her-itage while absorbing the new American culture. He suffers the American culture. He suffers the alienation of a triple minority status, as a Vietnamese in America, a Vietnamese American in Viet-nam, and a homosexual in the world. Too Vietnamese for Amerworld. Ioo Vietnamese for America, too American for Vietnam, and too gay for the world, Tran embarks on his quest to find who he is. A small gem in the underdeveloped but quickly expanding genre of "Border Literature," whose past greats include Kingston's Woman Warrior, David Mura's Turning Japanese, and Danzy Senna's recent Caucasia, his book examines not the ei-ther/or but the bothness of being a cultural mulatto. In a world that forces people to choose one cul-ture and forsake the other, Border Literature writers make an argu-ment for the right to claim all cul-tural heritage for oneself.

I spoke with Truong Tran re-cently in San Francisco.

Andrew Huang: What's your experience as a gay man?

Truong Tran: My coming out process was rather late. I believe I was about 24, and that was right after the death of my father. I now realize that I chose writing as a way of running away from my family and my community. The further I got into writing, the further I realized that the one person I had to confront was myself. When you write, when you are in your writing, you can lie to the reist your writing, you can lie to the rest of the world, but you really can't lie to yourself. That was the most lie to yourself. That was the most difficult thing to overcome. It just got to a point when I had to make a decision that, if I wanted to continue writing, then I had to write honestly. Writing, when I began, was about dissociating myself from my community, my family, and my identity. But ultimately it brought me back to my identity.

Now tell me about your experi-

ence as an Asian American.

It's odd, this experience of being gay and Asian American. In a sense, I'm at this crossing of two cultures, two identities, two religions. It's about negotiating the territories. It's not always easy. When I first came to San Francis-co I worked as a social worker and I worked for the refugee commu-nity. One of the things that happened constantly was that my clients were trying to set me up with their family members, with their daughters. You kind of had to figure out where you are within that equation.

How do you see yourself now?

I think I am a writer first and fore-most. Everything else is a compo-nent of my identity. I don't set precedence beyond the identity of writer, Someone told me this book is about being gay. I said,
"It's about me." That's ultimately "It's about me." That's ultimately what it's about. This project was funded for me to go back to write about the country [Vietnam] and the people. When I came back, it was very difficult for me to write about Vietnam and the people there as "the others," where I am this person going in to observe. Because I am part of that community, and I am part of "the others" that I was going to write ers" that I was going to write about. So I had to find a way to address that in my writing, with-out feeling intrusive to the com-munity. So I wrote about myself, ultimately. And the character, the image of K, became a vehicle for me. He was my guy.

How did this project take its current shape? Who are your influences as a writer?

I began writing in junior college. I took a class because I had to fulfill a requirement. I was a bio major; I failed miserably. I just fell in love with the act of writing, especially with the form of poetry. I just love the form because I am using the page literally as canvas. I think the white space in my writing is as much a part of my writing is as much a part of the writing is about the silence that we as Asian Americans ultimately return to in about the silence that we as Asian Americans ultimately return to in this society. I read Paul Celan, who is a huge influence in my life, in his use of the poem and the page. Celan's writing forced me to read intuitively. Before I read Celan, poetry and writing were all about meanings, and the boundaries. When I read Celan, I understood that I had to leap beyond the boundary of language as meanings. There exists an intuitive language, or meanings in the absence of the language.

Finish these two sentences for me. "I get aroused by..."

I get aroused by a beautiful poem.

"I hate it when..."

I hate it when I'm being forced into a pigeonhole, into a label. ▼

An evening of poetry and art celebrates the release of *The* Book of Perceptions and launches an exhibition at the Oakland Asian Cultural Center, 388 9th St., Oakland on Friday April 2, 7-9:30 p.m. Call (510) 208-6080.



Feast II

✓ Arts cover

and all?

She knows everything that I do. She's seen me in drag, and we've sat down and watched my films together. She's way cool.

So, a documentary?

Yeah. We went back and shot footage at my high school and where I got my start doing drag, at the Townhouse [a queer bar in St. Paul] and at the Gay '90s [in Minneapolis].

You obviously like San Francisco. What's your favorite thing about this city?

San Francisco is amazing for its men. I love all the shaved-head, tattooed, goatee types. LA is all that tanning salon and gym body crap. Same goes for New York. San Francisco is so not sexually repressed. And the sex clubs are great. You've got Blow Buddies and the Power Exchange and Nob Hill and the Campus theatres, a lot to choose from. That stuff's not available in LA or New York.

But your films feature a lot of those LA types. Are you planning on moving in a more alternative direction in your films?

Definitely. I'm starting to do films with the types of guys I really like. More rough types, sex club action, harder scenes and manlier men.

What's your feeling on the bareback trend in porn, and condomless sex in general?

I think it's terrible, and I won't do it. It's totally against my principles, and I require all my models to wear condoms. No cum drinking, either. We all think its hot, but come on, it's not right to promote that type of behavior. If people don't want to use condoms in their personal lives, that's their business. Especially in monogamous relationships. But I forbid it in my films.

What about drugs, what's your view on drugs in the scene?

I don't allow drugs on my sets. If anyone is high on my sets, I kick them off. Once I broke down a door where I knew the guys were doing drugs before a shoot. I kicked them all off the set. Drugs are OK in your personal life, if you keep your head together. But there's too much drugs in the scene, especially crystal. I hate that drug, and it's wrecked way too many neools.

Where do you want to be in your career five years from now?

I'd like to do more music videos. I directed the video for Rob Halford, the ex-lead singer of Judas Priest. I want to do more of that, and my dream would be to do a rock video with Cher. My tastes are very diverse, from KISS on one end to Cher on the other.

Recently you were photographed in Paris by Pierre and Gilles. When you reach the point where those two guys want to do your portrait, then you know you're a star. What was that experience like?

Fabulous, fabulous. Pierre and Gilles are so cool. I love those guys. And I love Paris. They are Paris. We did a shot where I'm in drag in a bordello setting. It turned out really good. It's coming out shortly in their next book.

So thanks for introducing me to straight porn. You are rather pansexual — you are a man, al-ways intend to be one, yet everyone refers to Chi Chi as a "she." When are you not in drag, when are you the guy I met years ago?

Everyday, like when I'm at home in my jeans laying on the sofa watching Jerry Springer. I'm also never in drag on my sets. There's Chi Chi, then there's me. Chi Chi is the pansexual cabaret.

Speaking of pansexual cabaret, what do you think about Feast?

I love Feast. The first party was totally incredible. Feast is cool because it's straights and gays and dykes and trannies and everybody all together, and they're all experiencing this thing. I think it's a great thing to get everybody together, not all this gay ghetto shit.

What will you be performing?

A lot of bump and grind. I have a harder rock edge. It's a great party, and I look forward to it. I also hope to get a lot of dick.

Feast menu

Whew! Now that we've got Chi Chi out of the way, let's look at the party's producer. I met up with Terrance Alan at Noc Noc last week. Alan is a sharp, direct speaker. His blond and blue spiky hair, piercings, and aura of sexual prowess combine to give this man an aura of success. We had a drink and looked at the finer entrées of Feast II.

Mark Norby: Terrance, what's your personal vision and your vision for Feast?

Terrance Alan: My vision in life is the same as my vision for Feast. I want humanity to recognize queer culture, to put us on the map and realize that we are a true and independent culture. We are free of the responsibility of raising children, which allows us time and opportunity to develop ourselves in other areas. Feast is a benefit for the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, too, and it's an opportunity to show straight culture that we have unique goals that can change the world.

But doesn't queer culture tend toward hedonism and consumerism, in part due to the fact that we have more time, we don't have the financial responsibility of raising children, etc.?

I think that's partly true. But we don't have to develop that way. Feast is not just about hedonistic activity. It's about bringing together the many tribes of queer culture and presenting them as a unity. I hate that word, unity. It's rather cliché. But unity is important, and it's important that queer culture realize that we can be free from this ever-increasing consumerism.

How about the many entertainers that will be performing at Feast?

Chi Chi will be performing; Paul Lekakis will be singing; we have the Fondue Collective fire dancers, and performances by local ambient and techno DJs; Seminal Tribe will perform, as well as a whole host of entertainers. It's not just about sex.

You've been HIV-positive for twelve years. Does being positive have anything to do with your enthusiasm for Feast?

Absolutely. I've received a second lease on life, and I am fortunate to

be here at 45 years of age. So many of my generation are gone, there are not many gay men my age that are left. So this is my chance to influence queer culture and bring all the elements together. We don't need any more role models, we need goal models. And I have my goals in front of me. We expect 2,000 people to attend Feast II. That's a lot of money that will be brought in for charity. And we're giving it all away. That's part of my second lease on life, to give it all away.

I think you know the controversy you may face, since the Sisters are co-hosting the evening, on Good Friday, no less.

The controversy will be an important part of Feast. We can tackle problems at the same time that we're having fun.

What will you say to the potential demonstrators that might show up, protesting the event?

I will invite them into the party and ask them to have a look for themselves. If they refuse to come in, then they don't have ground for protest. You can't realistically protest what you don't understand and expect to shut down a movement.

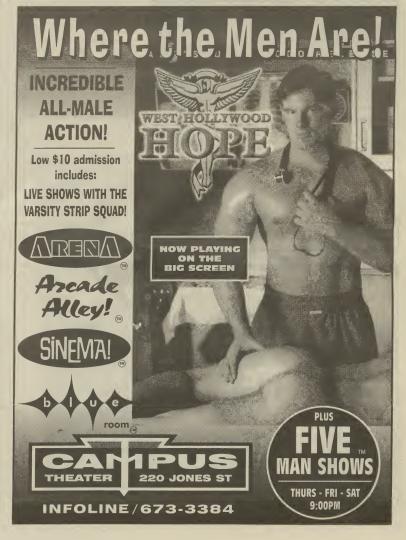
So you are prepared for anything?

Yes. And I expect queer culture to prepare itself for anything. ▼

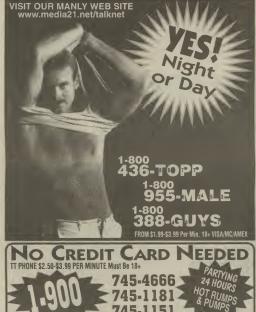
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Great Caesars

Countertenors come on strong

by Timothy Pfaff

ountertenors have been part of the musical mainstream for decades now, but the surest sign that these male falset tists are now de facto members of the American music scene is their acceptance, at last, at the staid, august old Met as something other than offstage voices. The cast of the than onstage voices. The cast of the Metropolitan Opera broadcast of Handel's Giulio Cesare ("Julius Caesar") at 10:30 a.m. PST on April 17 (locally on KDFC, 102.1 FM) will include America's two Daniels (as Sesto) and San Francisco's own Brian Asawa (Tolomeo), and admirers of these

(Tolomeo), and admirers of these two openly gay artists — and operas by Handel, who may also have been gay — should mark the date.

Of course, it will be a Met Julius Caesar, which is to say, expect guts everywhere but on the stringed instruments. The accommodations to historical style will be limited to those available to performers in a 4,000-seat house — which is to say, not many — but even for historical performaniacs, things could be a lot worse. John Nelson, who led one of the signature events of the one of the signature events of the Handel tercentenary — a stunning Carnegie Hall concert perfor-mance of Semele with a radiant mance of Semele with a radiant Kathleen Battle on the composer's very 300th birthday — will conduct a reduced Met Orchestra (than which, in modern-instrument terms, it don't get no better), the cast is promising, and listening, rather than watching from the house, spares listeners like me another jokey, low-brow John Copley production. production.

Peter Sellars' brilliant big-house production of the opera for Boston and other cities in the early '80s, well-documented on a two-volume video from London, feavolume video from London, rea-tured Jeffrey Gall, the American countertenor of that Semele (who was replaced by Michael Chance when DG recorded later it) in the title role, a searing performance of uncommon cunning and power. With Gall, Caesar's long, despairing third-act scene was as over-whelming as most third-act Tris-tans. The Met offers mezzo-soprano Jennifer Larmore in the role (opposite Sylvia McNair's Cleopatra), which offers a reprise of her brilliant recording of the part for

countertenor-cum-conductor René Jacobs (Harmonia Mundi). My concern is that that was then and this is now, but we'll see, or rather we'll hear.



He can Handel it

It's a pity that Daniels, singing 'a part Sellars gave to a mezzo (the unforgettable, heart-stopping Lorraine Hunt), isn't singing Caesar. The evidence of his latest CD, Handel: Operatic Arias (on Virgin's Veritas series), is that he could—can rather—splendidly. The two can, rather — splendidly. The two distinct sets of *Giulio Cesare* arias on the CD, the first Caesar's, the that there's nothing generic about Daniels' delivery, even in a vocal range that tends to homogenize sound and inhibit keen delineation of character. But there's no mistak-ing that Daniel's virile Caesar is an altogether different animal from

altogether different animal from his tormented, preoccupied Sesto. Ably supported by the Orches-tra of the Age of Enlightenment under Roger Norrington — not, to date, an identified Handelian, but on evidence a capable one — Daniels turns in a gallery of sharply Daniels turns in a gallery of sharply etched musical portraits in arias from Tamerlano, Ariodante, Rodelinda, Rinaldo and, of course, Serse ("Ombra mai fu," probably the most famous of all Handel arias). The refinement of the singing is consistently at the level Bay Area audiences who have heard him live have come to expect. Words read, the musical line is sustained and undisturbed, ornamen-tation is tasteful and consistently expressive, rhythms are supple but expressive, rhythms are supple but sure and, while nothing is left unconsidered, it doesn't come off as fussy, either. What's remarkable is that even "in alt," this is an unmistakably masculine voice. (Check out "Vivi, tiranno" from Rodelinda.) It strikes me as the closest we've come, or are likely to any time soon, to the sound of the castrati for whom Handel wrote most of this music. of this music

ellars' Tolomeo, the wickedly scients followed, the whokeny gifted gay countertenor Drew Minter (who's now turned his attention to directing Baroque opera), performed the role of the opera's intractable brat in the tiniest of Speedos. Pleasant as it is to contemplate Asawa in that, this contemplate Asawa in that, uh, production (Copley may cook up something as provocative for him at the Met), home listeners will have to make do with what remains the single most beautiful, uh, in-strument in the countertenor gaggle. Though his Handel credentials have yet to be established on record — his Arsamene in a Nicholas McGegan-led Serse, already in the can, unaccountably awaits release — anyone who heard his Arsamene in the otherwise nasty Seattle



Opera Serse two seasons back knows Asawa's got the right stuff. Asawa's new CD, Vocalise (BMG/RCA Victor Red Seal), devoted to 19th- and 20th-century songs by Fauré, Nikolai Medtner, Heitor Villa-Lobos and Rachmaninov designed to showcase the voice qua voice, hardly represents standard countertenor turf. But it is the kind of thing Asawa regularly spices his repertoire with, and BMG is doubtlessly trying to show off his range, interpretively speaking, and set him apart from the increasingly large and competitive pack. The good news is that the CD finds Asawa in glorious voice, ripe with natural vibrato, as is his wont. This is music that can make you described the control of the control This is music that can make you

This is music that can make you downright stupid to hear.

The bad news is that this music, composed largely for voice and piano (the Villa-Lobos "Bachianas Brasileras No. 5 Aria," for voice and eight cellos, is an obvious exception), is here arranged for chamber or the strength of the which is the property of the which is the property of the prope orchestra, in this case the ubiqui-tous Academy of St. Martin in the Fields under Sir Neville Marriner. That lends the music an air of pre-ciousness it hardly needs, and the effect is as distracting and deleterious as it is in Dmitri Hvorostovsky's recent *Arie Antiche*, more tovskys recent Arie Anticae, more keyboard-accompanied music prettified by the same forces. Pre-sumably record companies think that such risky repertoire will fare better in stores with the advocacy of Marriner, long the reigning kin of the classical FM airwaves. Stil fans ripe for another fix of Asawa's singing, a drug all its own, will nei-ther resist nor come away disap-



Harmonia Mundi is seizing this Harmonia Mundi is seizing this opportunity to release its new recording of Europe's hottest new countertenor, Andreas Scholl, in — what else? — Ombra mai fu, an album of Handel arias and some instrumental theatre music with the conductorless Akademie für Alte Musik Berlin. It's easy to un-derstand the appeal of Scholl's cul-tivated singing, but to these ears, at least, the singer lacks the distinc-tion of his American counterparts, his admittedly beautiful sound the rather anonymous one that was the generic staple before this exotic vocal category began to grow up for the second time in history.



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'm a hick." — Paul Taylor
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choreographer Paul Taylor
shows to the world in Matthew
Diamond's Oscar-nominated
documentary, Dancemaker, is definitely "hick."—like. He seems to be
wearing an ill-fitting hairpiece. He
chews gum incessantly, at one
point retrieving a wad from behind his ear. He makes blandly
provocative statements like the
one above, that was prefaced with
"I can't read music." He's sly, depressive, soft-spoken, and cruelly 'm a hick." - Paul Taylor pressive, soft-spoken, and cruelly witty in an aging-queen sort of way. In short, like Richard Wag-ner and Antonin Artaud, Taylor is that monstre sacré, a creative genius who is not necessarily always

nius who is not necessarily always a nice guy.
Yet Taylor is a genius, and his dancers know it. When, halfway through the film, he fires a dancer ("I just couldn't work with her"), ripples of fear and dismay course through the Paul Taylor Dance Company. These beautiful young people, as intelligent as they are attractive and talented, put up with the torture of the peripatetic dance life and the uncertainty of their master's temper because Taylor regularly makes dances that allow them to express and explore their feelings and, at the same time, reap a huge reward of audience approval, pleasure and understanding.
Paul Taylor's dances speak, and have always spoken, directly to

have always spoken, directly to anyone who can see and hear without prejudice. He can be devwithout prejudice. He can be devastatingly romantic (Roses) and socially critical (Big Bertha); he can be nostalgic (Company B) and on the cutting edge of postmodernism (Last Look). In Taylor's work, there has never been a whiff of that self-aggrandizing, elitist, snobbish attitude that mars so much modern dance. If you can



Paul Taylor in Dancemaker

surrender to it, you can under-

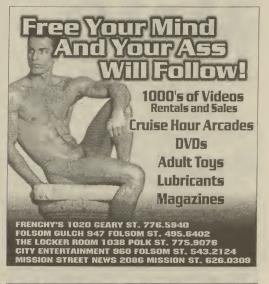
stand it.
Taylor's company has survived Taylor's company has survived and thrived for over 40 years, despite the inevitable loss of charismatic dancers — Christopher Gillis to AIDS; David Parsons to form his own company; Bettle de Jong, Ruth Andrien and Taylor himself to the implacable march of time — because its renewable source is Taylor's choreography. Just when you think he has hit a wall (as I did a few years ago with Offenbach Overtures and Funny Papers), he surprises you with fresh inventions. For the coming season at the Yerba Buena Center fresh inventions. For the coming season at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts (April 7-18), the Tay-lor company brings new work that has received much acclaim:

Eventide, The Word and Piazzolla Caldera, the latter performed at a damp outdoor concert in Yerba Buena Gardens last spring, but getting the full indoor treatment, with proper lighting and a dry stage, on April 9, 14, 17.

Taylor on film

The creation of *Piazzolla* Caldera, which employs music by Astor Piazzolla, master of nuevo tango, a concert form that combines melting melodies with sizzling jazz improvisations, is the creative focus of Diamond's 1998 film. The documentary is deceptively simple, with lots of talking heads, including a bull session

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SCHEDULE

Taylor appearances

Dancemaker opens Friday, April 2 at the Lumlere Theatre, 1572 California St. Call 352-0810.

April 6 — Free showings of Taylor works on film: Three Epitaphs, Funny Papers, Speaking in Tongues. John Tomlinson and Bettie de Jong of the Taylor company will answer questions. The Forum, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, 701 Mission St. (7 p.m.)

April 7, 10, 15, 18 - Mercuric Tidings, Eventide, Le Sacre du Printemps (The Rehearsal) Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Theater, 700 Howard St. City Box Office, (415) 392-4400.

April 8, 11, 16 — Arden Court, The Word, Esplanade. Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Theater, 700 Howard St. City Box Of-fice, (415) 392-4400.

April 9-11 — A Dance Criticism Conference featuring the work of Paul Taylor. The Forum and Screening Room, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts. Call (415) 978-2710 ext. 110 for information.

April 9, 14, 17 — Cloven Kingdom, Airs, Piazzolla Caldera. Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Theater, 700 Howard St. (415) 392-4400.

April 10 — Family Matinee (2 p.m.) Cloven Kingdom, Esplanade. Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Theater, 700 Howard St. City Box Office (415) 392-4400.

April 13 — Free showings of Taylor works on film: Syzygy, Spindrift, Last Look. John Tomlinson and Bettie de Jong will answer questions. The Forum, 7 p.m.

April 17 — Family Matinee. Arden Court, Le Sacre du Printemps. Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Theater, 700 Howard St. City Box Office, (415) 392-4400.



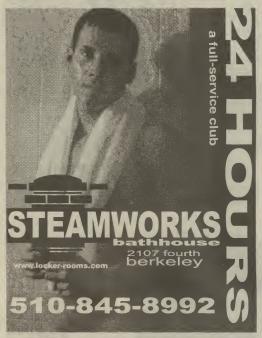


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It's Saari in Seattle

by Mister Marcus

or it's 17th annual presenta-tion, the Mr. Washington State Leather Contest drew a large crowd to Neighbours Night Club in Seattle last Saturday night, March 27. There, two very worthy men, Eric Bonesteel and Bruce Sear

Saari, competed for the title. It was barely 9:30 p.m. when It was barely 9:30 p.m. when the results of the judging were announced. With only two contestants this year, as the runner-up was named, the winner was obvious. And so it came to pass that a youngish-looking Bruce Saari became the 17th Mr. Washington State Leather.

Making the decision was no easy task for the judges. Both Saari and Bonesteel are extremely handsome, very well-versed in the leather/SM lifestyle, and have terrific track records in fundraising and community involvement. They also happen to be very good friends.

Bruce's other half is Charlie Baker, the current Mr. Seattle Leather, and Eric's other half is the new Seattle Leather Daddy's Boy. Whether both Bruce and Cha lie will compete against each other at IML is quite the hot topic in the Emerald City. Time will tell.

City. Time will tell.

The place where the contest took place, Neighbours Night Club, was looking spifty after a major makeover, and it was standing-room only as the leatherati of Seattle and sur-rounding communities came to witness the competition. Frank Nowicki, everyone's fa-

vorite emcee, won everyone over with his quick wit and attention to detail. The show opened with the usual grand fantasy, followed by scoring in several categories. A stir-ring AIDS memorial observance of

ring AIDS memorial observance of past holders of the title was especially touching.

There was nothing maudlin about Empress Gaysha Starr and two "tough customer" type dancers, who rendered a sizzling dance sequence centered around one of those porno phone-talk episodes.

As an added bonus, since Seat-As an added bonus, since seat-tle's community is preparing to choose the Imperial Prince and Princess, those candidates were in-troduced as well.

troduced as well.

A victory party ensued at the Cuff Complex Saturday night. Part of Seattle's nine-day-long Leather Pride Week includes the presentation of the Emerald Awards (the equivalent of our Cable Car Awards). The first of these, the National Leather Emerald Award was announced to be ald Award, was announced to be going to Chicago's Joseph Bean of the Leather Archives & Museum (formerly of Our Town). Frank Nowicki and I will present the award to Joseph formally onstage at IML in May.

At the Emerald Awards Brunch At the Emerald Awards Brunch the next morning, several deserv-ing persons were recognized for their efforts to make life better for others. Seattle's Leather Pride week racked up thousands of dol-lars for worthy charities.

Cuff Complex

To back up a minute, I should



The two contenders: winner Bruce Saari (left) posed with runner-up Eric Bonesteel at the Mr. Washington State Leather Contest on March 27.

mention the fine pre-contest meet-and-greet that took place Friday night at the new and improved Cuff (Bar) Complex. There, in a packed house, the two contestants and the judges were introduced. It was fun, but none-too-easy, car-

was tun, but none-too-easy, car-rying out the judges' chores along with head judge Jim Black, George Morton, Lenny Broberg, Wes Ran-dall, Jill Carter, Alan McGuire and the divine Judy Tallwing-McCarthy. The entire Cuff staff

turned out in para-military uniforms, and both the men

and women in atten-dance all weekend were very easy

Bazaar

to look at. You can completely discard any foreboding you may have had about the Cuff's adding a restaurant and a dance bar. The labyrinthine layout of the place makes it such that you can do your "leather thing" or your "dance thing" or your "dining thing" and not be bothered by any of the other

activities on the vast premises.
Cuff co-owners Scott Rodriguez
and his partner Tim Franulovich
have a definite winner on their
hands. The food is served predominantly Cajun style, but other de-lectable items occupy the menu as well. The entire Cuff staff (except for one smarmy waiter) rates A-1 for service, friendliness, and mak-

tor service, triendliness, and making you feel welcome and at home. The atmosphere is classic.

I left Seattle feeling wonderfully proud of that city's leather community. It's always a pleasure to visit the queen city of the north.

Meanwhile, back home. . . Since I was out of town to attend the Seattle events, Joe Gallagher graciously consented to emcee the Mr. July 2000 bare chest calendar contest at the Power-house on Thursday night. Again, nine worthies trooped to the stage to try out for a spot. Judges Andy Anderson, Todd Kepus, and Wern-Anderson, Todd Kepus, and Wern-er Tillinger put the guys through their paces. When the smoke cleared, Tom Wallace of San Diego took the spot. There was a tie for the runner-up spot between Jim Edwards and Dean Prager, both from Sacramento. They effectively shut out the local boys this time shut out the local boys this time around.

If you want to be part of the

calendar action, aim for Thursday, April I, when Mr. August 2000 will be chosen. Judges Patrick Batt, Graylin Thornton, and Mike Wol-ford will put you through the

Also on the subject of taking part in something, someone named CJ Gibson of the SF Leather Pride Contingent issued a Leather Pride Contingent issued a press release by email calling on all leather men and women to join in a celebration of leather pride and solidarity on Sunday, June 27. So you wanna be part of the Leather Pride Contingent in this year's Gay Pride Parade? Here's your oppor-tunity.

tunity.

Citing last year's major impact, a trend he wants to continue, CJ states the leather community has been assured a predominant position in this year's parade. He hopes the position will be filled with leather men and women, bikers, bike club addies how masters. bike clubs, daddies, boys, masters and slaves. To that end, there will be a benefit and auction at Daddy's on Sunday, April 18. If you need/want more info, jump onto your computer and click on www.hotboots.com/pride.html or email to SFLthrPride@worldnet. att.net. If you don't have a com-puter, maybe their next press re-lease will have a phone number or snail-mail address I can pass along.

Dish du jour

And finally, if you were planning to attend the first-ever Ms. New York Leather Contest the weekend of April 9-11, be advised that the venue for the meet-and-

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Tom Wallace of San Diego won the Mr. July 2000 spot on the Bare Chest Calendar last Thurs day, March 25. Mr. August will be chosen on April 1



Men without baggage

by John F. Karr

have seen what I hope is the future, and I'm wryly bemused to find that it's simply a re-

to find that it's simply a re-working of the past.

Two new videos from Satyr Productions, a division of Titan Media, are having the same effect on me that Wakefield Poole's Boys in the Sand did in its day. Like that m the Sana did in its day. Like that feature, the new videos are really nothing more than loops. But they are so technically advanced, so handsomely constructed and intelligently planned and executed, that they are not only my favorite porn of the moment, but will un-doubtedly — hopefully — remain trendsetting examples for an in-dustry so badly in need of direc-tion. If not directors.

The three new directors, and their two videos, are David Wexler, director of *Chapters*, and Dennis Bell and Brian Mills, who have made *Stuffed*. Both videos are similar in style and execution, with the Titan Studio imprint of execu-tive producers Robert Kirsch and

Bruce Cam always evident.

This porn is baggage-free, and what a relief. These directors don't what a relief. These directors don't indulge themselves with the production values of costume epics or location shoots. They don't bother us with post-production editing trickery like double images, superimpositions, tinting, or other spe-cial effects flim-flam. These direc-tors don't intrude upon their casts with vaudeville stunts like garden-hose enemas and other circus feats of physical hoo-ha, nor do they ask the guys to take more, go fur-ther, be nastier, or throw more (fake) attitude. These directors (fake) attitude. These directors aren't trying to impress us with literary merit, character development, or implausibly convoluted, barely credible stories. Nobody's being lovelorn, abandoned, arrested, kidnapped, or hoodwinked. Nobody is assisted by a plumber, attacked by a vampire, applying for a job, or traveling forward or backward in time. Best of all, none of these directors force us to suf-



fer their auteurism. There's no noir, metaphor, apocalypse, re-demption, or other shenanigans in these videos. No, what these directors are relying on is sexuality: two

ors are relying on is sexuality: two guys (sometimes three), making out. What a novel concept. What an admirable way to make porn! What the directors have paid at-tention to is the masculinity of their players, the assured attraction between them, the uncluttered at-tractiveness of the sets, and the high quality of videography and post-production editing. They set a sexy mood and tempo, and maintain it. The obvious care they've taken refreshes the traditional loop

tain it. The obvious care tiety vertaken refreshes the traditional loop format.

In Chapters, a linking device is provided, with a guy browsing through a picture book during a jo. session. The links in Stuffed are subtler, more sophisticated visual connections, but the quick and easy linkage of scenes in both movies maintains their sexual mood admirably. They make the need for your remote's fast forward remote. Chapters opens with a memorable make-out scene, as two dudes feel each other up during a photo shoot. They're smiling, even laughing. Imagine performers in a porno having a good time! Their Speedos shrink as their members grow. I don't know about you, but a bulge in a Speedo gives me reason to live, and this

scene has two burgeoning reasons. And these guys work hard when they make out. They sweat. Jason Branch does wicked things with his cock, running the head of it up and down the groove of Blake Harper's ass almost longer than I could hold out for, before allowing could noid out for, before allowing its slow, deep entry into Harper's hole. Things are so hot that Branch has to stop for a cooling off, with a delicious, involuntary spasm signaling his excitement.

Next up is a trio, and though these debuting players are an ob-vious B team, they are not without their pertinent interests, most especially their contemporary look: Goatees, shaved heads, sunburst tattoos and a PA. The punk-ish, skinny Scott Malone makes an especially good bottom, with those kind of legs that fold so far back you can see clear into the valley. Scene three of *Chapters* is a solo for dreamboat leatherboy Mark Wadsworth, who looks Greek. He's the kind of meat-Greek. He's the kind of meat-packed Siren men used to throw themselves off cliffs for, and things get worshipful when he starts tugging on his tit ring and caressing the blooming pouch of the leather jock he's wearing. The video's finale is even more memorable, more forceful than the opening, with petite hequiser Dean

opening, with petite bruiser Dean Coulter paired off with a blond brickhouse of a stud named Mike Coulter paired off with a blond brickhouse of a stud named Mike Roberts. Excuse me, but this guy is a Teutonic fantasy, a wall of muscle who's hairy where a guy should be hairy, and with a juicy pink asshole that he yields up for rimming in a manly way. The hard-ons the pair sport when deeply coupling made me ache, and the quality of their fucking — forceful yet caring — induces maximum respect. Although you can hardly imagine Coulter needing any further assistance in reaching a climax after the fuck he's been thrown, Roberts sits on his face, shoves a dildo up his ass, and works him. Does Coulter cum? Don't we all.

Next time: a blow-by-blow on Stuffed, and other late-breaking news from Titan.

PENIS WORSHIP IN CIRCLE J PEWS

Our big screen reviews all of the new gay action videos --Falcon, Catalina, Jocks, All Worlds, HIS and others. But on the two side screens, you simultaneously see two 3-hour programs devoted to fetishes, penis display, jack off and self-suck tapes shown in no other gay cinema anywhere, including Hal Call's private collection of big dicks filmed at Adonis Video during the past 25 years! Adm. \$8 Programs change

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Mister Marcus

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greet on Friday and the contest on Saturday will *not* be the LURE after all. Negotiations broke down last week amid another of those he-said, she-said, they-said fiascoes, with everybody blaming everybody else for this turn of events. I would

not even venture to blame any one person or group — it just didn't work out at the LURE, okay?

The on Friday meet-and-greet will now be held at the Clit Club (432 West 14th St.) on Friday, April 9, from 2000-2300. The contest of t 9, from 2000-2500. The contest on Saturday night will be at the Ex-change Club (6 Hanover St.). Doors open at 1800; the contest begins at 1900. On Sunday, the vic-

tory brunch will be at the Chelsea Grill. You go girls! One final reminder: The voting for the Golden Dildeaux Awards is for the Golden Dildeaux Awards is in full swing, and people are buying ballots wholesale. Get your ballots while they're still available at Daddy's, the Eagle, and the Powerhouse by Wednesday, April 7. The awards are on Saturday, April 11 at the Eagle. ▼

EVENTURES IN LEATHER

Thursday, April 1

Selection of Mr. August on the Millennium Bare Chest Calendar, at 2130 hours tonight at the Powerhouse. After fonight, only 4 more spots left!

Big Basket contest at the Edge Bar. Always a fun night in the Castro Canyon. The usual shenanigans, including The Old Bag.

Friday, April 2

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Big Pecs/Big Nips party at the Powerhouse, hosted by the Chest Men of America, 2100-2300, with \$2 beer in bottles and \$1 draft. Need more info? Email: jsc2@pacbell.net or call 776-9088.

Emperor TJ Istvan and Empress Sheba present the investiture of their court, "Makin' Sweet Music Together," at 1900 at the California Club. Tickets are \$15, available at Daddy's and Mr. LeeOna's. Expect entertainment, food, and tights

Boot Night at the Loading Dock, hosted by Stompers with Driller doing the polishing. You can admire boots, cod pieces and other "acces-

Saturday, April 3

Daddy Philip Turner and Greg Pennington celebrate their 10th year as partners tonight at Daddy's, from 1900 to 2200 hours, with hors d'oeuvres, live entertainment and other surprises.

Knights of Malta celebrate their 7th Anniversary at the Eagle, 1900-2200, by invitation or club overlay. Congratulations and best wishes for future suc-

Wednesday, April 7

Mr. Hairy Chest '99 contest at Daddy's, 2000-2300, with a \$7 beer bust and entertainment by the Lollipop Guild. Applications for the position being vacated by Robert Hernandez are available now. Got fuzzy pecs and a pleasant, outgoing personality? Go for it!

Weekend, April 9-11

While the Ms. New York Leather contest is going on while the Ms. New York Learner Context. Is going on in the Big Apple, Mr. Empire State Leather context is going on in Albany, sponsored by the Stars MC, and in Dallas, Texas. Mr. Texas Leather will be cho-sen at the Dallas Eagle. Men will compete at IML; women will compete at IMSL.





Calendare by Mark Mardon

No more guilt!

s everyone well knows by now, the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence will be holding their 20th anniversary cele-bration in the Castro on bration in the Castro on Easter Sunday, and all queers and their friends are invited. The Sisters have dubbed the event "Easter 1999: Two Decades of Decadence."

The Sisters urge everyone to bring Easter baskets. Celebrants may enter the Easter Bonnet Contest, the Basket Contest, the Hunky lesus Contest.

the Hunky Jesus Contest, or simply enjoy a full schedule of hedonism.

Had it not been for the

local representatives of the Roman Catholic Church, the event might have received but a mod-icum of local publicity. Thanks to their protest drawing national at-

The late Sister X with Donn Angelo Simione

icum of local publicity. Thanks to their protest drawing national attention, expect a huge queer turnout.

If you see anyone flagellating themselves in the crowd, let's hope they're observing the Sisters' vow to "promulgate universal joy and expiate ourselves from stigmatic guilt."

In this celebration, said Sister Mary Mae Himm, "we focus on uplifting and encouraging our youth. We're also re-releasing Play Fair, the first-ever safe-sex pamphlet, updated, more inclusive, totally revamped."

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tally revamped."

Donations collected by the Sisters at the event will benefit the Harvey Milk Institute's Queer Youth Program and the Eureka Valley Teen Program (both serve homeless queer youth), Also during the event, the nuns will be giving away \$10,000 in Sister Community Grants to worthy nonprofit organizations.

Among the performers taking the stage on Sunday are the Kuntry K's, a hot dykeabilly band; Brown-Stat, a punkish queer band fronted by supercute singer/songwriter Moon Trent; and a band I've never heard of (but look forward to hearing), The Nerve Meter.

The MCC Gospel Choir will be on hand to do some soul lifting, and the Gay and Lesbian Freedom Band will march and play to its very different drummer.

A touch of class will be added to the affair by the inimitable Miss Connie Champagne (aka "Saint Chanteuse"), whose new combo,

Connie Champagne (aka "Saint Chanteuse"), whose new combo, The Magnum Brutes, play curiously strong swing. Finally, with complete ir reverance for sacred Broadway musicals, the divine Tom Orr will ressurect some dead showtunes.

Maybe, if we're all lucky and say our prayers, we'll experience a second cumming.

Easter 1999: Two Decades of Decadence, will take place Sunday, April 4, from noon to 5 p.m. on Castro Street between 17th and 18th streets. For more information, contact the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence at 552-0220 or surf their Website at www.thesisters.org.

Fri 2

The Power Exchange

"Feast," a pansexual queer cabaret, presented by Terrance Alan Produc-tions. Starring Chi Chi La Rue and Paul Lekakis. Hosted by Donna Sa-chet, Absolute Empress XXX. With dungeon sex demonstrations by Mod-ern Primitives Master Santiago and ern Primitives Master Santiago and crew; tranny cabaret with Sister Roma, the Grand Negress Godiva and others; slave auction; the Seminal Tribe musicians with the Fondu Col-lective fire spinners; and much more. \$10 from 9-10pn; \$20 from 10pm-6am. 74 0tis St. Info: 332-7848.

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this sex-positive, neighborhood-based,
multigender, Latina/o Lesbian and
Gay HIV agency's continuous services
to Queer Raza. Come meet the new
PCPV staff. Featuring artwork from
Colegio. Includes Graffith Madness,
Colored enTRANCES, and Cosmic
Raza. Benefiting Tetatidid, a sex-positive retreat for Latinas lesbianas y bisexuales. \$5-\$20 sliding, 6:30pm.
2973 16th St. 864-7278.

Brady Street Theater

Brady Street Theater
Opening: The Dead Horse Ensemble
presents "ElectrOphelia," a fusion of
Hamlet and Electra, with blues
lyrics, newspaper advice columns, and
vocals by Melville, Stein, and Joyce.
Featuring Gillian Chadsey, Susannah
Martin, and Patrick McCracken.
Written and directed by Elizabeth
Spreen, \$12. 8pm. Thru 4/17. 60
Brady St. (btwn. Market & Gough).
558-9355.

Club Tango Tango

Club Tango Tango
"En Drag" moves to this new location, presenting what its promoters
term "the finest female impersonation
revue in San Francisco." New production numbers, new costumes, new
show. With solo and group numbers.
Hosted by Alexandra, featuring Platinum Foxx, Coco Volare, Harlow,
Karen Kill, Pinky Bubbles, and Victoria Secret. \$10. 8:30pm (1st of 3
shows). 1550 California St. (at Polk).
775-0442.

Theatre Rhinoceros

Lorraine Hansberry Theatre "From Whores To Matriarchs: Black Women Survivors On The Edge," a compelling look at the complexities of being both a black woman and a sexual abuse survivor in America. Written and performed solo by Medea Project Polyse and performed solo by Medea Pro-ject's Deborah Edwards. Directed by Rhodessa Jones. Contains explicit lan-guage and nudity. \$20. 8pm (2pm Sun.). Thru 4/4. 620 Sutter St. (at Mason). Box office: 474-8800.

Josie's
Tom Orr performs his one-man show,
"Sweet Parody!" With comic retakes
on classic Broadway showtunes.
Birdie-Bob Watt accompanies on
plano. \$12. (\$10 seniors/students).
8pm & 10pm. Thu. (8pm) Fri., & Sat.
(8pm & 10pm). Thru 4/17. Josie's
Cabaret & Juice Joint, 3583 16th St.
(at Market & Noe). 861-7933.

Sat 3

Polo Field, Golden Gate Park The Bay Area She Hawks (BASH) Women's Rugby Club hosts its 13th annual Bay Area Invitational Tournaannual Bay Area Invitational Tourna-ment. Eleven teams from throughout the U.S. play two-days of action-packed, competitive rugby. Sponsored by The Lost Coast Brewery. Free. 8am-5pm. Also on 4/4. Info: Lori Shannon, 551-5561.

Herbst Theatre

Herbst Theatre
The Women's Philharmonic, under the baton of Artistic Director and Conductor Apo Hsu, presents "Treasures, New and Old," featuring Nina Flyer on cello and soprano Dana Hanchard. Includes recent works by Judith Lang Zaimont, Jing Jing Luo, Augusta Read Thomas and others. \$20-\$35. 8pm. 401 Van Ness Ave. Tix: 392-4400. Info: 437-0123.

Neatre Kninoceros
Ryan Idol stars in Ronnie Larsen's 10
Naked Men, exploring a Hollywood
in which money and power are everything (and a big dick helps). \$20-\$25.
8pm. (5pm & 8pm on Sat.; 3pm &
7pm on Sun.). Thru 4/11. 2926 16th
St. (btwn. Mission & S. Van Ness).
861-5079.

ATA Gallery Other Cinema hosts the Northern California premiere of Freaks Uncensored, Ari Roussimoff's feature documentary on people of the carnival sideshow. Interviews with a bearded lady, a tattooed wonder, etc., plus archival images. Circus Redickuless emcee Chicken John opens with tricks from Dammit the Wonder Dog. \$5. 8pm. Artists Television Access, 992 Valencia St. 824-3890. 550 Barneveld

SF Hiking Club

ATA Gallery

SF Hiking Club
Join other outdoor lovers for a Carson
Waterfalls hike, encompassing Marin
County's watershed, mossy forests,
and 100-ft, falls. It's a moderate 9mile hike with a 1,500-ft, elevation
gain. Meet at 9am under the big Safeway sign at Market & Dolores. Carpool cost is \$14 shared among passengers. Club info: 487-6410.

550 Barneveld
Blue Room Americas presents an allnight rave experience, featuring three
rooms of the most progressive dance
music on the planet. Live technotrance in the main room, featuring
Organic Noiz and Mindfield, plus
spinning by DJs Planet Ben, Adam
Ohana, and Our personal queer favorite) KJ. Explore the different vibes
in the Jungle Room and the Downtempo Groove Room, each with rad DJs.
\$15 at door. 21+w/ID. 10pm-7am.
Located in the industrial area parallel
to Bayshore, near Goodman's Lumber
off 101, between Oakdale and Industrial streets. Info: 1-888-682-7666.

Sun 4

A Different Light

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Two events. First (at 3:30pm): "We're
Here. We're Queer. We're Disabled.
Get Used To It," a group reading by
Blaine Waterman, Steven Sickles, and
Chris Hewitt. Presented by Able Together Magazine, an international
quarterly for disabled and non-disabled men. Second (at 7:30pm): poet
and performance artist Marvin White
reads from his new book, Last Rights.
Free. A Different Light Bookstore,
489 Castro St. 431-0891.

Mon 5

Lone Star Saloon

Men of All Colors Together (MACT) hold their monthly chat night. Topic: "How Deep is Your Skin?" Free. 7-9pm. 1354 Harrison St. (at 10th); 2nd floor. 675-0201.

Mad Magda's

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Opening reception: "The Goddess
Phatima," an exhibit of images, taken
by many prominent local photographers, of the fabulous Phatima, a
local artist who utilizes him/her-self
as a canvas. Phatima has been the
center of nightlife at alternative queer
venues such as Club Uranus, Fiend,
Trannyshack, Decadence, Stinky's
PeepShow, Freakshow, and Sissybar.
The exhibition features works by
Daniel Nicoletta, Mark Geller, Jim
James, Kent Taylor, and others. Curated by Steven Plasecki. Free. 79pm. Mad Magda's Russian Tea
Room, 579 Hayes St. 864-7654.

Theater Artand

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Theater Artauu
Kathleen Kennedy presents Sonic
Choreographies, featuring her 30member Monday Night Series chorus
in a "sound intervention" of space,
voice, and technology. One night only.
Part of the series "50 Pillows and a
Rug." Bring a pillow and dress warmly. \$5 optional. 7pm. 450 Florida St.

Harvey Milk Institute

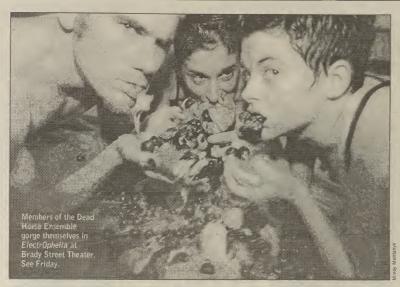
Harvey Milk Institute
Classes begin: "Creating More Professional Photographs" with Rick
Gerharter. Learn to work with your
subject to produce quality images.
\$80. 4 Mondays (thru 4/26). 7-9pm.
Also: "One Hander" with Scott Capurro. Learn to produce your own
monologue and share your experiences
through writing and performance art.
\$140. 5 Mondays (thru 5/10). 6:309:30pm. Both classes held at Harvey
Milk Civil Rights Academy, 4235
19th St. (at Collingwood). To enroll,
call 552-7200.

Tue 6

A Different Light Leroy Moore, Gary Gray, Esteban



Photographer Biron exhibits his "Pretty Boys" at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St., through April 30.



Gomez, Cee Cee, Ernestine Patterson and Mariana Ruybalid read from New Voices: Disabled Artists/Poets of Color and talk about their experiences as Black disabled artists. Free. 7:30pm.

GLAAD

Open house for those concerned about the representation of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community in film, television, print, radio, the ternet and other media. Free. 7-9pm. Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against
Defamation, 1360 Mission St. (btwn.
9th & 10th streets), Suite 200.
RSVP/Info: Noel, 861-2244 or 502-

Coppola Theatre, SFSU

Coppola Theatre, SFSU
The Cinema Dept. at San Francisco
State University presents Recycled Images, a screening of found-footage
films by several acclaimed Bay Area
filmmakers, including Craig Baldwin,
Jay Rosenblatt, Wendy Levy, Thad
Povey, Louis Ricoder, Gibbs Chapman
and Kurt Keppeler. Includes discussion
with fillmakers, followed by a reception. Free. 7pm. August Coppola Theatre, Room 101, Fine Arts Bldg.
SFSU, 1600 Holloway Ave. 3386507.

Noh Space

Noh Space
Alto saxophonist, actor and poet Lewis
Jordan presents "Music at Large,"
founded more than 20 years ago as an
interdisciplinary and multicultural
performance series. With soprano saxophonist Bruce Ackley and poet/performer Devorah Major. Part of Theatre of Yugen's Tuesday night series.
\$10-\$12. 8pm. 2840 Mariposa St. at
Project Artaud. 621-7978.

A Clean Well-Lighted Place

Poets Jewelle Gomez, Jane Hirshfield, and Thom Gunn read from their work and discuss the importance of poetry in our culture. A National Poetry Month event. Free. 12:30pm. A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, at National Control of the Poetry Place And Add. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave. 441-

Venue 9
Footloose presents "From the Page to the Stage," a play-reading series.
Tonight: Dawson Moore's "The Making of Eye Contact." It's the final preview for his new play, and all the author wants is to survive. He's ill-advisedly cast himself in the lead, and his lead actress is leading a revolution lead actress is leading a revolution

She's chosen the performance as the time to air her concerns about the script. \$6-\$10 sliding. 8pm. 252 Ninth St. (btwn. Folsom & Howard).

The Plush Room

Willis Moore reprises, for one night only, his hit show "Simple." He'll be taking the show to New York City, so catch him while you can. \$15 cover. 8pm. 940 Sutter St. (btwn. Leavenworth & Hyde). 885-2800.

Thu 8

PIAI'S

Jazz vocalist Pam Munter pays tribute
to 01' Blue Eyes In "A Torch You
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and women of all colors and their
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and women of all colors and their friends could come together to share a love of soulful dance music, where everyone would be treated with respect and dignity, where community spirit blossomed. Page will introduce us to the new owner and DJ, her dear friend Noel. \$10. 9pm-Zam. The Box Dance Club, 628 Divisadero.

Josh Kretzmann and paintings by re-cent graduate May Yao. Both use ab-sorbent materials. Kretzmann sus-pends long pieces of fabric from the celling, dipping into fabric dye; the creeping absorption symbolizes the slow onset of disease in the human body. Yao uses connotes in her naint-

show onset of ulcases in the numan body. Yao uses sponges in her paint-ings as a metaphor for the human body. Free. 7-9pm. Exhibit runs thru 4/28. At CELL, 2050 Bryant St. 648-7562.

Opening reception: "Light & Shadow," photographs by Elena Fava Emerson. Free. 7-9pm. 2423 Polk St. 567-9067.

Richard Parker reads from Beneath the Equator, a look at gay life in Brazil (everything from street cruising

Focus Gallery

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to gay-rights activism). Free.

Crucible Steel Gallery Opening reception: "Absorb," an exhibit of sculptures by UC Davis student

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Wed 7

Harvey Milk Institute

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Classes begin: Meditation with Jon
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the body. \$80. 4 Wednesdays (thru
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Also: "Short-Short Story" with Beth
Houston. Learn to express your ideas
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Wednesdays (thru 5/12). 7-9pm. To
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Retired Roman Catholic Bishop
Thomas Gumbleton of Detroit, who
lost a brother to AIDS, will recount his
evolution of thought regarding the
Church and homosexuality. All welcome to attend MCC's Candlelight
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Bishop's lecture and discussion. Free.
8pm. 150 Eureka St. 863-4434.

Theater Artaud

Theater Artaud
Opening gala: "New Sunami Fusion
Fest '99," a two-week performing arts
festival celebrating Pan-Asian theater
and dance. It kicks off tonight with
"Sisa," a Phillipino-Noh play developed to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the liberation of the Philippines from spain. \$25. 8pm. 450
Florida St. Tix./info: 621-7797.

A Different Light

Alfred Robinson reads from Vaude-villes Noirs et Fantastiques, his vol-ume of poetry. Free. 7:30pm.

Café Du Nord

Café Du Nord
Mark Growden's Three Ring Circus, featuring visceral, foot-stomping music with accordion, banjo, lap steel guitar, bottles, pipes, toys, and whatever. Includes material from his latest release, Downstairs Karaoke (Wiggle Biscuit Records, Berkeley). Plus guest artists The Deke and Mark Show, 70-year old cult-instrumentalist Baby Gramps, and "two dimensions" yodelero Dawn McCarthy. Unkle Paul's Cabaret opens at 8pm. \$5. 10pm. 2170 Market St. 861-5016.



Willis Moore sings Simple" one last time at the Plush Room. See Wednesday.

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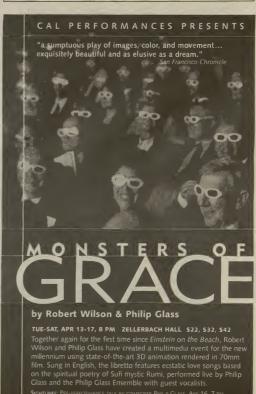
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Pregnancy should be avoided in women receiving SUSTIVA because birth defects have been seen in primates dosed with SUSTIVA. Barrier contraception should always be used in combination with other methods of contraception.

Talk to your doctor when you start taking SUSTIVA. SUSTIVA may change the effect of other medicines (including ones for HIV). Always tell your doctor

if you are taking, starting or changing any prescription or non-prescription medicine when taking SUSTIVA. Your doctor may change your medicines or change their dose. You should discuss your prior medical conditions (such as mental illness, substance abuse, hepatitis, etc.) with your doctor before taking SUSTIVA.

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What is SUSTIVA?

SUSTIVA is a medicine used to help treat HIV, the virus that causes AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome). SUSTIVA is a type of HIV drug called a "non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor" (NNRTI).

How does SUSTIVA work?

SUSTIVA works by lowering the amount of HIV in the blood (called "viral load"). SUSTIVA must be taken with other anti-HIV medicines. When taken with other anti-HIV medicines, SUSTIVA has been shown to reduce viral load and increase the number of CD4 cells (a type of immune cell in blood). SUSTIVA may not have these effects in every patient.

Does SUSTIVA cure HIV or AIDS?

SUSTIVA is not a cure for HIV or AIDS. People taking SUSTIVA may still develop other infections associated with HIV. Because of this, it is very important that you remain under the care of your doctor.

Does SUSTIVA reduce the risk of passing HIV to others?

SUSTIVA has not been shown to reduce the risk of passing HIV to others. Continue to practice safe sex, and do not use or share dirty needles.

- The dose of SUSTIVA for adults is 600 mg (three 200 mg capsules, taken together) once a day by mouth. The dose of SUSTIVA for children may be lower (see Can children take SUSTIVA?).
- Take SUSTIVA at the same time each day. You should take SUSTIVA at bedtime during the first few weeks or if you have side effects, such as dizziness or trouble concentrating (see What are the possible side effects of SUSTIVA?).
- · Swallow SUSTIVA with water, juice, milk or soda. You may take SUSTIVA with or without meals; however, SUSTIVA should not be taken with a high fat meal.
- . Do not miss a dose of SUSTIVA. If you forget to take SUSTIVA, take the missed dose right away. If you do miss a dose, do not double the next dose. Carry on with your regular dosing-schedule. If you need help in planning the best times to take your medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.
- Take the exact amount of SUSTIVA your doctor prescribes. Never change the dose on your own. Do not stop this medicine unless your doctor tells you to stop.
- When your SUSTIVA supply starts to run low, get more from your doctor or pharmacy. This is very important because the amount of virus in your blood may increase if the medicine is stopped for even a short time. The virus may develop resistance to SUSTIVA and become harder to treat.

Can children take SUSTIVA?

Yes, children who are able to swallow capsules can take SUSTIVA. Rash may be a serious problem in some children. Tell your child's doctor right away if you notice rash or any other side effects while your child is taking SUSTIVA. The dose of SUSTIVA for children may be lower than the dose for adults. Capsules containing lower doses of SUSTIVA are available Your child's doctor will determine the right dose based on your child's weight.

Who should not take SUSTIVA?

Do not take SUSTIVA if you are allergic to SUSTIVA or any of its ingredients.

What other medical problems or conditions should I discuss with my doctor? Talk to your doctor right away if you:

- · Are pregnant or want to become pregnant
- · Are breast-feeding
- Have problems with your liver, or have had hepatitis
- Start or change any medicine
- · Have side effects while taking SUSTIVA
- Have a history of mental illness, substance or alcohol abuse

What are the possible side effects of SUSTIVA (efavirenz)?

Many patients have dizziness, trouble sleeping, drowsiness, trouble concentrating, and/or unusual dreams a few hours after starting treatment with SUSTIVA. These feelings may be less noticeable if you take SUSTIVA at bedtime. They also tend to go away after you've taken the medicine for a few weeks. Rarely, patients have more serious side effects that may affect mood or ability to think clearly. These side effects occur more often in patients with a history of mental illness or substance abuse. Tell your doctor promptly if any of these side effects continue or if they bother you. There is the possibility that these symptoms may be more severe if SUSTIVA is used with alcohol or mood altering (street) drugs. You should avoid driving or operating machinery if you are having these side effects.

One of the most common side effects is rash. These rashes usually go away without any change in treatment. In a small number of patients, rash may be serious. If you develop a rash, call your doctor promptly.

Other common side effects include tiredness, upset stomach, vomiting, and diarrhea. However, this is not a complete list of side effects reported with SUSTIVA when taken with other anti-HIV drugs. Do not rely on this leaflet alone for information about side effects. Your doctor can discuss a more complete list of side effects with you.

Please contact your doctor immediately before stopping SUSTIVA because of side effects. Tell your doctor or other healthcare provider if you notice any side effects while taking SUSTIVA.

What about birth control, pregnancy, or breast-feeding?

Women should not become pregnant while taking SUSTIVA. Birth defects have been seen in animals treated with SUSTIVA. It is not known whether this could happen in humans. You should use a condom or diaphragm in addition to other methods of birth control while taking SUSTIVA. Inform your doctor immediately if you are pregnant. If you want to become pregnant, talk to your doctor. Do not take SUSTIVA if you are breast-feeding. Talk to your doctor if you are breast-feeding your baby.

Can I take other medicines with SUSTIVA?

SUSTIVA may change the effect of other medicines (including ones for HIV). Your doctor may change your medicines or change their doses. For this reason, it is very important to:

- · Let all your doctors and pharmacists know that you take SUSTIVA.
- · Tell your doctors and pharmacists about all medicines you take. This includes those you buy over-the-counter and herbal or natural remedies.

Bring all your medicines when you see a doctor, or make a list of their names, how much you take, and how often you take them. This will give your doctor a complete picture of the medicines you use. Then he or she can decide the best approach for your situation.

The following medicines may cause serious and life-threatening side effects when taken with SUSTIVA. You should not take any of these medicines while taking SUSTIVA.*

- Hismanal® (astemizole)
- Propulsid® (cisapride)
- Versed® (midazolam)
- Halcion® (triazolam)
- Ergot medications (for example, Wigraine® and Cafergot®)

The following medicines may need to be changed or have their dose changed when taken with SUSTIVA:*

- Crixivan® (indinavir)
- Fortovase® (saquinavir)
- Biaxin® (clarithromycin)

How should I keep SUSTIVA?

SUSTIVA is available as 50 mg, 100 mg, and 200 mg capsules.

Keep SUSTIVA at room temperature (77°F) in the bottle given to you by your pharmacist The temperature can range from 59°-86°F.

Keep SUSTIVA out of the reach of children.

How can I learn more about SUSTIVA?

Talk to your doctor or other healthcare provider if you have questions about either SUSTIVA or HIV. For additional information you can visit the SUSTIVA website at

This medicine was prescribed for your particular condition. Do not use it for any other condition or give it to anybody else. Keep SUSTIVA out of the reach of children. If you suspect that more than the prescribed dose of this medicine has been taken, contact your local poison control center or emergency room immediately.

Tomorrow belongs to me

by Victoria A. Brownworth

pril is the crudest month. Between the endless Oscar post-mortems, new sit-coms and baseball spring training, coms and basevall spring training, there's more macho posturing, crotch-grabbing and excretory humor on the small screen these days than at a Ken Starr deposi-

Now just because the final Oscar presentation of the millen-nium tried to last *into* the new millennium is no excuse for dragging out the post-awards com-mentary, but since the bitchfest has just begun in earnest, we feel compelled, nay, driven, to add our

two pence.
To Elia Kazan: All the dreadful things folks said about you were proven true by your odious acceptance speech. You get the Memorial George Stephanopoulos/Linda Tripp Quisling Award for Screwing Your Friends, To Debbie Allen: Remember Paula Abdul? Neither Remember Paula Abdult Neitner does anyone else. More "choreography" like this year's and you'll end up like her — tap-dancing your way right out of the Oscars. To Lisa Kudrow: So you didn't get a nomination for the first role you way right out of the first role you was catually acted in Bog hoo. a nomination for the first role you ever actually acted in. Boo hoo. You were graciously asked to present and you acted like a big brat. On Friends, bad attitude is considered "cute." That's a TV show, dear. In real life we want to slap you. To Fernanda Montenegro: Be grateful you got nominated in two prestigious categories. Bitching about Gwyneth and Roberto only makes you look like the poor loser you you look like the poor loser you are. To Elton John: Someone who

rewrites the same song over and over every time one of his friends dies has no business dissing any-one's talent. You get the Fernanda Montenegro Award. To Jennifer Montenegro Award. To Jenniter Lopez: Next year when they ask you to be the token Latina chick for the third year running, start singing "I Like to Be in America" from West Side Story. Then ask why the only Latinos at the Academy

nos at the Academy are in the kitchen. To Whoopi Goldberg: The good award for comsport ing out in whiteface, the award for best Lavender Tube

use of the words virgin and beaver, and for the best line of the night: "I thought the Blacklist was me and Hattie McDaniel."

And now we'd like to make a few nominations of our own. For best queer use of edited music videos, the delectable Rita Sever on NBC's *Friday Night*. Her hilaron NBCs Friday Night. Her hilar-ious nude "interview" with Alanis Morrisette was tres gay (though she refrained from using the word beaver even when that infamous line from "You Ought to Know" got played). For best role as pro-tégé, the *All About Eve* Award goes tégé, the All About Eve Award goes to Clare Dane, now starring in the movie version of the old '70s TV hit The Mod Squad. NBC's Access Hollywood reports Miz D, in her freshman year at Yale, has been taken under the, er, wing of Jodie Foster, Yale alum. Somehow we doubt La Foster is looking for an Ivy League babysitter for her immaculate conception. For conmaculate conception. For confirming once again that gay men

think with their dicks, Will and Jack in last week's Will & Grace. When the bartender asked, "What's your pleasure?" both answered simultaneously, "George Stephanopoulos." The Will & Grace Award for confirming once again that even out gave men care.

again that even out gay men can't resist beards goes to Ian McKellan for taking Monica Lewinsky as his "date" for the London premiere of Gods and Monsters (after taking Lynn Redgrave as his "date" for the

Oscars). For the Oscars). For best queer kiss on the small screen, Drew Barrymore and Molly Shannon on

Barrymore and Molly Shannon on Saturday Night Live last week during the excessively queer (more so even than usual) Dog Show skit. Miss Barrymore looks divine as a drag king (replete with moustache), and the Big Kiss was quite a moment — long and soulful. Our gal Drew was asked about the kiss on Access Hollywood, and, ever one to kiss and tell, she giggled and said demurely, "Her mouth

Flaccid test

Speaking of soft, the new sit-coms made their flaccid entries this week. SNL alum Norm Mac-Donald seems to have gotten sober long enough to get his own sit-com, prestigiously placed after ABC's The Drew Carey Show. Provocatively titled The Norm Show, it co-stars Laurie Metcalf of Roseanne fame. For those who Roseanne fame. For those who

found MacDonald thigh-slap-pingly funny on SNL (and they would be?). As for Metcalf, we can only say, she's the best thing on the show, but that and a winning lot-tery ticket still wouldn't be enough to bribe us to sit through this com again. The Norm Show is for peo-ple who think four hours of Howard Stern every morning just goes by way too fast.

Howard Stern every morning just goes by way too fast.

CBS's Payne is the American rip-off — we meant take-off — of the '70s British sit-com Fawlty Towers. If one never saw the piss-your-pants funny Fawlty, which starred John Cleese and Prunella Scales, Payne will amuse. But devotees of Fawlty should tune in to PBS reruns of the original. And we find some of the humor — ethnic and otherwise — doesn't translate well to '90s America. Still, John Laroquette and JoBeth Williams (of *Poltergeist* and *Big Chill* fame) are worth a look. Laroquette and box a being a property of the control quette has a biting wit and Williams makes a good foil, but this isn't VCR material.

ABC's It's Like, You Know... is the best of the new sit-coms and

the best of the new sit-coms and also offered some queer moments in its debut. Jennifer Grey (postplastic surgery and looking quite fabu) is the only name player. Nick Bakay (producer, writer and voice of Salem the oh-so-fey pussy of Sabrina, the Teenage Witch) had a fun cameo, as did the former Mr. Barbra Streisand, Elliot Gould. Barbra Streisand, Elliot Gould. About the ludicrousness of life in L.A. (now there's a stretch), it's being touted as the new Seinfeld, but don't let that turn you off the humor has bite and underscores what we have always said: L.A. proves hell is full and the dead are walking the earth. (Make that dead *and* soulless.) Speaking of soulless, we saw an

Speaking of soulless, we saw an incredibly creepy moment on ABC's World News Now after the NATO airstrikes began. WNN, the most provocative (and queerish) news show on TV (but unfortunately on in the wee hours), aired a segment from Serbian TV that looked like a music video directed by Leni Riefenstahl. Footage of strong young soldiers, lovely Avan maidens, fields of wildflowstrong young soldiers, lovely Aryan maidens, fields of wildflow Aryan maidens, helds of wildflow-ers and lovely mountain vistas ac-companied by a voiceover folk-song about "fighting to preserve the beloved Fatherland" had us humming "Deutschland, Deutsch-land uber alles." We kept expecting a rousing encore of "Tomorrow Belongs to Me."

Another creepy TV news moment came when the Serbian Minister of Information (a mis-Minister of Information (a mis-nomer title if ever there were one) blasted CNN for "inventing" the tale of atrocities against the Koso-vars and "spreading rumors" about Kosovars fleeing their burn-ing villages. The alleged refuges, he asserted, were "just a few fami-lies out for a walk." Why yes, does-n't everyone pack all their worldly possessions to stroll the country-side in sub-zero temperatures? Mr. possessions to stroll the country-side in sub-zero temperatures? Mr. Minister gets the Memorial Josef Goebbels Award for Revisionism. If he tires of Milosivic, he could al-ways work for Ken Starr. Or ABC's This Week — we hear George Stephanopoulos is looking for a

YMCA

■ Arts cover

"fifty men in dark full tights and sleeveless jerseys, [accompanied by] beautiful music" was "fully ap-

Hothouse flowers

The Y began to supplement its phys-ed programs with sex education classes. Although these concentrated on promiscuity and the perils of masturbation, they in-creasingly harped on the dangers of excessive friendships, particu-larly of "manly men" with "the unsexed," Such instruction had a double message. By giving "im-morality" a name, it awakened same-sex attraction even as it condemned it. Since this was tak-ing place in the hothouse atmos-

ing place in the hothouse atmosphere of a gym (and in an organization whose newsletters acknowledged, "All admire a deep chest, well developed arms, back, legs, or neck"), the men were understandably confused.

By the 1920s, the Y began to shift from the same-sex model. The rising women's movement, new approaches to dating, and a couple of scandals involving "unspeakable immorality" alerted its leadership to "dangers" not envisioned earlier.

Also, new theories of sex were

Also, new theories of sex were Also, new theories of sex were in the air. In the 19th century, purity had meant restraint, and men were encouraged to remain chaste. After 1900, sexuality began to be conceived as a value-free drive, not to be suppressed but channeled toward marriage. Once again, manhood was redefined—no longer as character or physique no longer as character or physique but as heterosexual. A man was a male who desired women.

Always progressive (however ironic "progress" might seem), the

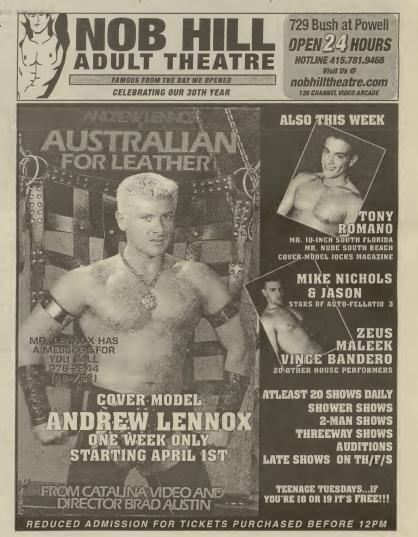
Y moved to accommodate these developments. In the past, the association had largely been run by sociation had largely been run by bachelors. Suddenly, all leadership had to be married. Convinced that lack of women could cause homosexuality, the Y began to cultivate co-ed programs, luring women away from the parallel YWCA. By the 1940s, it had made a clean sweep of its 19th-century background and in Gustav-Weathall's ground and, in Gustav-Wrathall's words, "evolved from an evangelical mission-driven movement into

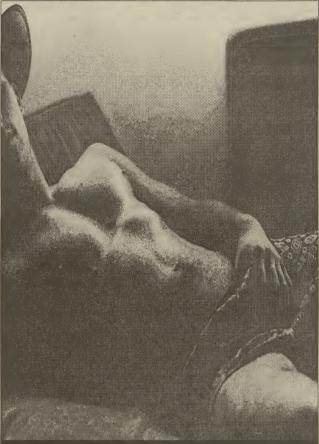
cal mission-driven movement into a social service organization."
Ironically, gay activities continued to flourish. Partly this could be explained by the absence of police and the Y's policy of denial. Gustav-Wrathall argues, however, that homoeroticism had been intrinsic to Y ideals from the beginning. By isolating and denying homosexuality, the Y not only failed its own constituency but infailed its own constituency but in-troduced a fissure into its mes-sage. They could cover up homo-eroticism but not nullify its reality or its charge. Frolics in the locker room were symptoms of a contra-diction, a disowned power mani-festing its energy despite the claim that it didn't exist.

While Gustav-Wrathall's views

will prove controversial in some quarters, no one can impeach his scholarship, intelligence, or fairscholarship, intelligence, or fair-ness. Unfortunately, his book orig-inated as a doctoral thesis and is composed in prose that only an examination committee could love. We can all be glad Gustav-Wrathall wrote this book, but no-body should have to read it. Those with the patience to plow through the sludge, howev-er, will find that Gustav-Wrathall makes the staid YMCA seem ex-

makes the staid YMCA seem ex-citing and new. Far from tame, the Y's mission was — and remains — so subversive that it has frightened its own leadership into silence. ▼





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PARTING GLANCES

Southwest FLT 1455 Vegas To SJ March 7. Exchanged many glances, spoke briefly. I wanted to talk more. Me across the aisle to Burbank, then in row in front to SJ. 22 6700

Paqud On 18th 3/2 Btwn 10 &11a You with two guys,had cap on, watched me, as I got my coffee and meat outside. I wore leather jacket, Levis, SF cap. You, looked back leaving.

6701

Costco, San Leandro, Sat. 2/27/99
We: Exchanged looks while shopping.
You: Dark hair, maybe Asian, clean
cut, shaven, goodlooking. Me: With
women friend, dark hair, clean cut.
Wanted to talk, only seen you once.
22 6703

Fabiano Vincent Robert Craig wants to know how to make Ravioli. 22 6704

Dan!!! Call Clayton
I've misplaced your phone number.
Shall we dine at Oberon again? Remember Chicago, The Mark, Phantom.
© 6800

Cliff's Hardware 3/15 @ 1:30pm You: brown hair, goatee, jeans, mo-torcycle helmet. Me: blue cords. I stated there were to many choices for key rings. I should have given you my #. Please call @ 6801

Rawhide 2 Fri 3/5 11pm-12mn You: Bob architect, originally 5th gen. Rancher pendleton, or. cindere: la. You had to leave by midnight? Me: Richard from up north. Would love to get together sometime? @ 6802

Searching For The Nile To Swim Met you at Tsunami, gave you a ride home, thought you were cool. Like to see you again. I owe you three dollars! Want to payback. 22 6803

3/16- Safeway/Portrero-8:30pm You: tall, dk. hair, moustache-great eyes & smile. Me: Green jacket, hard rock bball cap & glasses. Eyes caught a few times! Coffee? Beer? 12 6908

Aznmixsf on Aol
Where are you? Loved our chat, but
you disappeared from aol. Please
call? Hot Jew guy. \$\mathbb{G}\$ 6902

19Polk From Harrison 3/2 5:10pm You: Cute, very polite blonde boy w/red stache, hooded swtshrt. Me: S& P daddy/gm flyt Jacket. We talked. Were U cruising daddy? Yes, sir was interested. Still is-RU? Hope So!

6806

Embarc J Muni Tues 3/9 4PM Embarc J Muni Lues 3/9 4PM Watched you step down stairs then boarded as you sat across me along other side of door. You exited Montgomery, handsome, hazel-brown eyes, humble-expression. Me: coffee/hand, smilling bimidly though I continued to look Into your eyes. Dinner? 22 6807

18th & Oakwood You lived across the street from me, we always flirted. Seen you at laun-dry matt on Duboce last year. I was married, single now! Think about you. Call me. 120 6900

#5 Fulton Mon Mar 22 AM
You: great beard & stache, sat behind
me. We cruised each other as I exited
on VanNess. I'd love to stare into
those eyes again! Please call.

6901

Andrew from Missoula, MT Searching for lovely young gent who visited SF the week of 3/15/99. A law student at the Univ of Montana, was hoping his local friends would see this and pass it on. Our encounter was brief but memorable. 22 6903

Gary, met in front of Cohn and Wells Tuesday, March 17. Had an excellent time with you doing massage and mak-ing love. Great smile and sensitive. Can we get together again? Jonathan **2** 6904

18th at Castro
You: cute young guy on crutches waiting for the bus. Me: caring generous older guy. You smiled then got on bus. Would like to meet you. Please call.

6906

Bob - Puerta Vallarta Bound 2/28 We shared Super-Shuttle to SFO & talked waiting for our flights. I boarded for Toronto, went back to give you my number, you were al-ready gone. Call me! Christopher 120 6804

Brian M.H.
We met United 947 DC to SF last Friday. We laughed a I and flirted I bink only got salt of your number from Sat message. Pls call again, I know you'll make me make it up to you. Let's laugh some more. Les ☎ 6907

Valentine Night @ Hole -In-Wall The former thespian "Patti Smythe" and the bald banker from Atlanta (aka Claire) have fun with a budweis er bottle. I wanna trade hot wheels with Jeff! Call me! ☎ 6805

Leaving Friends of Academy Party 10pm, walked through parking lot to-gether. Spoke about early evening, working Monday, You: Handsome Latin(?) Met tall GWM, bald, beard, glasses, with friend. Would love to meet again. \$\mathbb{\omega}\$ 6909

SEEKING RELATIONSHIP

RU HIV+Black/Latin Concord Top? HIV+ Pittsburgh bottom, 32, blue/brown, 6 foot, 185 smoker, seeks suburb loving boyfriend-drive-ins, fleamarkets, bar-b-ques. Let's snuggle by the fireplace and play-house! 20 6705

Yer Wife/Best Gal Neck & Neck W/Monica of the stained blue dress as world's worst cocksucker? Not to worry. I suck you off right the first time (you shoot your biggest load ever!)

6706

Asians Read This Seeking a horny Asian man under 35, full of cum, who likes to kick back oc-cassionally or complete oral servicing. Same day or night callback. ☎ 6707

East Bay 60yr. 6'2". I love and need big , cut cocks, anyway you want to give it. I love big feet and naked men. Np cock-rings please. 22 6708

Uncut Friend Wanted Masculine, mature, GWM, 6', 200#, HIV-neg seeks, sex and a relationship with an uncut man. I like reading, conversation, cuddling and the out-doors. I'm affectionate and open to new activities. S 6709

Let Daddy Nuzzle Your Neck Rake your body limb to limb; your legs alofts, my body (6'205 55 hairy) pumping: EXPLOSION. You're 27-46, smaller. LTR herb/aroma. Ok 22 6710

Master Seeks Slave 30-45yrs, responsible, ht/wt proportionate, with obedient tounge and ass for roleplay. Single, companion- oriented only, Fuckin, piss, cum, nipples. Master's dominant, not sadistic, HIV-43, 175#, br/bl, moustache/goatee.

6711

Are You Out There
Quiet/conservative GM 32,
5'9",155lbs. Not into barsseedings. Seeking similar under
50 for friendship and more. Salt/pepper hair a plus. ☎ 6712

GWM Seeks TLC 150 my special warm-hearted tender loving guy. You: GWM or GHM, HIV-, who enjoys movies, theatre & kissing & cuddling; Mr. GWM, 40, 5'9", 175lbs. dk auburn/blue, Give me a call if you've got some TLC.

6713

HIV+ Male Looking For Others
30y/o male 5'9' 165lbs, looking for
other HIV+ males who would like to
go out & have a good time. Looking
for someone who enjoys dinner, danc
ing, working out, and traveling. You
must be 25-35y/o and physically fit.
26 6808

Analyze This
8" cock, can't get enough- I love having my dick sucked. My body is in
shape and my head is together. I'm
over 40. HIV- 150lbs. 5'8" nonsmoker. ☎ 6809

Smooth, Dark, Fit/Built, 145lbs, 5'7", 38. Enjoys theatre, movies, beach, outdoors. Looking for wm 26-38. You be smooth/in shape for friends/ possible bf. 🕿 6810

Is Real Ltr Possible In SF?
40's GWM, nice guy, 5'8''.150#,
avg. build, ns. Looking for 35-50
GWM, stable, height/weight prop, ns
for dating, friendship, leading to
LTR. I'm ready. Are you? \$\omega\$ 6811

Handsome Muscular Italian GWM, 38,6'2", 185lbs, into fitness, travel, romance & quiet times, seeks another HIV Negative extremely well hung man for monogamous relationship. 26 6812

Looking For Well Hung Man Submissive white male artistic & cre-ative. Looking for more dominate man to care for, you care for me. 22 6813

Total Bottom
WM 35,5'10" 155lb, crew cut, bubble butt, washboard abs expert cocksucker, clean bottom. Hot excellent svc for right guy. 2 6814

Tall, Dark, Handsome Cancer HIV+ GWM, 40ish, sexy, 6'3", 185#, goatee, well-educated former New Yorker seeks blond or sandy hair taurus, cancer, scorpio, 30-40. Inter-ests: Art, lit, theatre for Itr. ☎ 6910

Clark Kent Adman From N.Y.
Assertive, affectionate, articulate, warm, witty, youthful, GWM soulmate/sexmate, 40, 61", 178# brigr, HIV-. We will kiss on balcony; in heated pool and elevator midway between gay adolescence and elder statesmanship. 42 6911

Romantic Brazilian Guy
36, 57" 132lbs. long brown hair,
eyes and skin brown, masculine, educated, clean. Professional, no drugs.
Nice hard dick "8", you're GWM. I'll
be only for you. Honeymoon forever.

© 6912

Looking For That Special One SGWM, 26, 5'7" 130lbs, blnd/ble, hairy chest, legs, but open, honest. Seeking that special one for love, walks, etc. @ 6914

42 yo Prof GWM + 4yo Doggie Lost my soulmate 6 yrs ago due to Mua. 1 am ready and willing to go forward. You must desire same. ISO Itr. with one who likes himself and cares. 20 6915

Strip Down For My Tongue E. Bay GWM, 55, husky, ISO Latino in-shape. Let me lick the sweat off your balls, tongue your ass. Married, ok, HIV- ☎ 6916

Soulmatcs Sought Oakland 64 yr. old HIV+ poetic man, smoker, big dude seeks to share a living space. Friend or sex good too. Funky versa-tile fun loving person. @ 6917

Uncut, and Unattached?
Do you want and need a man in your life??? GWM 53, 5'8", 175, brn/bl, beard, HIV- seeks relationship and in timacy with loving, bright, fun, affectionate and horny GM. 22 6918

Trim/Fit 70yo Phi Beta Kappa Cocksucker all my ex-model/escort adult gay life. ISO sweet gentle slim attr guy, any race w/big dick to start fucking me and making me grow to love him. \$\sigma\$ 6919

32yr Asian Want Are you in available market? GAM looking for well-educated honest, ma-ture GWM who is under 45. For sure, tomorrow is a beautiful day!

Opportunity Is Not A Lengthy
Visitor. GAM, youthful 40s, 57",
142lbs. Good-looking, intelligent, romantic, buffed gentleman seeks goodlooking, masculine, clean-cut, fit, N/S
GWM. Interests: theatre, symphony,
C&W dancing, traveling abroad. 52
6921

Mature Partner Sought GWM, 46, 175lbs, HIV- enjoys times at home, taking walks, lkg for GAM 45-55 to wrap my world around. Not into bars or drugs. ☎ 6922

Ready To Settle Down Straight acting 39 WM into kyaking, surfing, camping, cafes, extensive travel, movies & friends, ISO intelli-gent 18-28 yr. olds who are naturally smooth. (No Mad queens) fun to hand gout with. \$\omega\$ 6923

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SF Guy ISO
Handsome, horny, white guy, 37, 5'11", 175#, fit, hairy, HIV, ISO other hung hot men (20-47), tight and clean for J/o, rimming, sucking, & possible friendship. \$\mathbf{\Omega}\$ (6715)

Cocksucker On Call 5'8",150, stache, hairy is looking to swallow large cock and drain you nuts on a regular basis. You will be completely drained. 22 6716

Tight Little Bottom
GWM mature HIV- 120#, wants to
be ff, slow & easy, with lot's of ass
play. You experienced with small
ass. HIV- like to fuck & be sucked.
Herb/aroma ok. ☎ 6717

Big Top 4 Big Bottom 8+ cock needed to fill deep throat & bubble butt. I'm 39y/o, 6′2″, mascu-line, muscular, hairy bottom w insa-tiable appetite. You be under 50 y/o & know how to use your big tool. ♀ 6719

Seeks Tall, With Boots/Loafers Bi, BM, 36,6′, 175 attractive, fit. ISO bottom guys, any race, 6′+, fit, attractive with size 11+ feet for hot footware times. 22 6720

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Sit On My Face Well built top, hung big needs, well built WM (20s-30s) with big firm hairy butt to eat and fuck. 2 6722

Daddy Seeks Asian Boy Toy GW 40 y/o, 5'10", 175#, Italian, hairychested mustache, 8" needs to fuck & rlm slim BOY TOY, weekdays, afternoons only. \$2 6723

Bottom Seeking Tops GWM, 45, 6', 155lb, goodlooking bottom, seeks hung tops into long fuck sessions. HIV+. 2 6724

Buddy Looking For Buddies Sexy BM in shape, gym toned, smooth, ISO other hot, hung men (20-45), tight, masculine, muscular,gym toned, for discrete j/o session. Aroma /herb ok

6725

Beer And Nudity
Straight acting slim guy wants to meet a similar type to drink beer with, play strip poker and other naked games. I'm white 41, with a nice cut dick.

6726

GW Stud Needs Asian or Latino To service me daytime weekday. Must be slim, smooth, bottom, and want to service hot top 35y/o GW stud. @ 6727

Uncut Tall Kissers
Seeking lean/skinny uncut dudes
6'2"+ into J/o wet kisses, nipple play,
other oral pleasures. Any age, race.
I/m lanky, horny, unwhite and uncut.
22 6728

Hairy-Ass Daddy
Seeks boy, slim to muscular, to fuck
my butt. I am VGL 50y/o, 6',175,
s+p, beard, HIV+. You are stiffdicked daddy fucker. \$\mathbb{2}\$ 6816

Ass Licker
If yer a hot, muscular, good-looking
dude in your 20's or 30's, this leathe
guy wants you to sit on my rim chair
while I eat your ass.

20 6817

HandsomeHIV+GWM Bottom Man Redwood City 43, 190 6/3" med hairy 6" cut thick romantic, seeking any race, topman, handsome 30's-40's, HIV+, height prop. Hairy,71/2" cut/uncut, thick, short/longhair. Into assplay. Real

6818

Hot Latino Likes To Suck And Get fucked, nice butt. My place ,your place. Under 40's. Redwood City area. 29 years old. Call me. 😰 6819

White Pig Bottom Wanted
54 yr. old white top 6'0" 155
drk/brn/ ban glasses. Big 9" cock.
Wants hot white big bottom 21-39,
who love getting fucked by a big
cock. ☎ 6820

Quench My Thirst Looking for guys who want to get me on my knees and piss in my mouth. GWM, 58, 5'10", 165lbs. \$2 6821

Afternoon Sex Buddy Wanted Afternoon Sex Buddy Wanted Topman needs bottom. Oral give /take, lots of hugs and kisses too. Me attract, GWM, 46, 6'5", 250lbs. brown hair/moustache, hairy chest/stomach. You: attrac GM (white, Asian, Latin), slim, nice buns, smooth/moderate bodyhair. № 6822

TellMe2GetOnMyKneesAnd Suck Yes sir! Bottom boy brn/blu sexy/smooth. Takes direction from goodlooking guys 20's/40's, hung cowboys, hispanics, Latinos A plus. Straight, wanna kickback deffinate plus. S 6823

Do You Like It Late At Night? This hot, hung, orally talented insom niac will get you off! Immediate call back. Smooth & hung preferred. No chit chat, just hot sex. 2 6824

Hot & Horny Boy Next Door Lookin' for some hot & horny beg'GWM 18-28 with strong sex dri-ves for some wild times. Tall and lean A+. I'm attractive, blond 24y/o bl/m, 57", 145# athletic and ver-satile. № 6825

Regular Sex Buddy
For weekly (discrete?) pleasure,
learning together: Extended intensified orgasm, tantra, mutual massage,
frottage, oral, porn, versatile. Me:
bWPM 50 5'10" 180 # 8" You: 1845(Asian, Hispanic, Foreign a plus).

26 6826

You Hung Real Thick? Read On Goodlooking man needs extra fat cocks to lick, suck, kiss and worship Rub it on my face while I tell you ho big, thick and beautiful it is. Verbal A+. 22 6827

Experience Masseurs
To massage attractive, smooth Asian
male. I want every inch of my nude
body massaged with oil-buns, chest,
cock, balls. 22 6829

MWM Clean-Cut Older ISO Bottom Pig. For pis-pit-hole-uncut cock etc-you in shape tongh-tongue, HIV- dis-creet- your place- daytime- only Sonoma County. No reciprocation from me.

20 6924

Swallow It Down Real Deep WM 40's HIV- very masculine dominant verbal seeks very submissive HIV- cocksucker with obedient tongun and cum-hungry deep throat for regular long sessions at your place in SF. \$\text{12}\$ 6925

I Need A Daddy Submissive bi WM son, hwp, always naked for daddy, loves to suck gentle, not hairy, older daddy type. Mommy can watch. HIV- only. 22 6926

East European Or Russian Men Trim, HIV-, under 50, 7" wanted for oral sex. No reciprocation necessary. I am a GWM in my 50's, 5'10" 150# dark brown hair, some what shy. 122 6927

Handsome ff top age 43 Hung 8x51/2 if your shaved thats a plus Ralph.

2 6928

GBM Oral Expert 36 6'2" 162lbs. Tall, thin, earthy, cy-cling, "Fit". Gardening, yoga, spiri-tual, traveling, individual ISO similar men with big uncut equipment. S 6828

Growl
In my bed, you hairy man legs
spread, offering a feast to your cockboy. № 6932

Let's Undress Each Other
GWM 40, 5'9" 160 brown/brown,
mustache, in-shape, HIV-, passionate,
versatile seeks fit, goodlooking
GAM/GLM for oral fun together.
maybe more.
6930

Seeking Down To Earth Bubba top Me: HIV = GWM bottom handsome 43 190 62" med. hairy 6'reut romantic in rwc. You: 30's-40's heightWeight proportionate, passionate topman, romantic, handsome man hairy +7" thick f-buddy with heart. Smoke ok

© 6931

I'm Not The Marine Corps
But have openings for good men.
Total bottom wants only to service
hot tops. Be hard and clean. Any
race, age, size. 22 6933

Handsome Muscular Swimmer Hot athletic GWM 5'9" 155lbs 30"w 37yo HIV+ big dick, tight smooth butt& body, seeks mascu. muscular aggressive hung top to suck/service 35-50yo. ☎ 6934

FETISHES

A Little Humiliation Cleancut, well-proportioned Prof male, 40, (strictly dominant) seeks cleancut, athletic guy to call my "whore""bitch""cunt" while fucking both his holes. Safe/discrete ONLY. 22 6729

Piss And More Piss Wanted On and in me. Bottom or versatile. Like it off your body, front or rear. 120 6731

Big Cut Cocks Wanted
Cute GWM wants to suck young
cocks. Prefer fit men between 18-35.
I am 30 and ready. 22 6732

Slave Boy Search of Dog Training A 26y/o extremely cute and submis-sive boy from Europe needs to have a complete dog training by a cute and very demanding master under 35. 122 6727

Scat Top
Dominant, hairy, muscular leather daddy, 5'11" 185, likes submissive, hungry bottom dudes to lie under my rim chair and suck my ss. 12 6831

I've Got The Rope... Do you have the balls? Bondage top, 41, 5'8", 155, good looking, ISO submissive, obedient, masculine, In-shape bottom, 25-45, for bondage play. Safe, discreet. SF, East Bay. **22** 6833

Spankings
Hot, hard bare butt spankings with
hand or paddle. In shape top, will give
yo what you need. 22 6835

Butt Munch
GWM seeks tight & lean GWM who
really gets off being rimmed, If you
like it as much as I do- Call me. \$\sigma\$
6836

Raunchy Pigs Punks, Party Boys skin wanted. Sweaty, in washed pissy bodies + clothing appreciated, cum share your body tastes & smells. \$\mathbb{Q}\$ 6938

Can You Blow Yourself?
Is sucking yourself off your favorite
pastime? Like an appreciative audience? Slim healthy senior guy would
love to watch. I'm 5'8", balding, dark
beard. Call me. № 6935

Are You ISO 24/7 Slave? GL/GWM 38, 195, 5'11", In SF... You have called 3 times with cell phone number. I have tried to call 12-15 times, but can't get through!! Please leave pther means to contact sir! № 6936

Rim Chair Top ISO Hot Mouth GWM, attractive, loves to sit on a rim chair and talk dirty while you e suck and lick my tasty hole., Call if you like to pigout eating butt. \$\mathbb{Q}\$ 6936

Seeking Leg Amputee GM 39, seeking male leg amputee for safe erotic times, enjoy movies, din-ners, outlet times. I'm same sincere and fun. Looking for that special man with that unique quality to satisfy my curiosity. **22** 6937

Thirsty 1942 Model
Desires to give toilet, rim, and cum
service to dominant male. I'm white
& slim. You needn't be. Just give or
ders. Humiliation & groups A+.

6939

Scruffy Types
I've always been attracted to unshaven, unkempt derelicts, street people (not hustlers), scruffy types, Tenderloin & 6th St. bars (gay& mixed),
ISO others who identify with this. I'm
a WLM 42, 6', 155lbs. 12 6940

Large Young Smooth Body Type Wish to meet 18-25 or so with large smooth shawed upper bodies, esp. body builders, to put my 2 camcorders... the taller, the heavier, the better. 22 6941

Slave Seeks Master
Experienced leather slave seeks to
meet and serve Master Sadist in his
dungeon or "playspace". Desires
bondage & discipline from an experienced Top man. Slave is 41 yes. old,
5'11', beard, hairy, good looking,
football player build (workout daily),
drug free. \$\mathbb{Q}\$ 6938

Let's Bare Our Soles! Lifelong attraction to men's barefeet. Lifelong attraction to men's barefeet. Crave mutual barefoot kissing, licking, smelling, caressing, toe wrestling. Roles, fantasies, J/O. E.B. sensual GWM w/toe ring, 5°9", trim, tan, halry, HIV- loves barefootin! 20 6834

COUPLES

Sexy WM/ Sexy BM Seeks Friends Looking for gym toned (24-40), tig masculine muscular men to have a very fun time with. Call. **2** 6728

2 Lovers Seeking Possible 3Rd Me: Bottom 43 6'3" 190 HIV+ handsome very sexual GWM brn/gm med hairy 6" cut 2nd: 49, 6', 200lbs. 8" cut. Non sexual, hairy GWM grey/brn HIV+. Into slaves. 12 6837

OTHER

A Forceful Man Is Desired...
If you are interested in a discreet
erotic dominance (s/m,b/d) over an
other person. I am available. Older
englishman, trim, durable. \$\oldsymbol{2}\$ 694

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Videodrome



A vant-garde video artist darling Peggy Ahwesh has scored the first Wattis Film/Video Artist-in-Residence at Yerba Buena Center for the Arts. Her work breaks the rules! Dig its lo-budget, thrift-store aesthetic! A film series in the Screening Room at Yerba Buena includes the SF premiere of Ahwesh's Nocturne, a horror film combining Pixelvision with text by Kathy Acker, the Marquis de Sade and Steven Shaviro. Now you can't get any more hip than that, and we'd say that's fortunate. Also showing: The Vision Machine (pictured), The Deadman, and Strange Weather. Peggy's Playhouse: A Peggy Ahwesh Retrospective series screens dates in April at Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, 701 Mission St. Tickets are \$6; \$3 students, seniors, Center members. Call 978-2787. ▼

Magic Fire

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adding that "no one I know was

going to be crying for her."

Terrible things certainly transpired in Argentina in those days, spired in Argentina in those days, but as dramatic fodder, the im-pact here is rather mild. No one is threatening this family; indeed, they even have a high-ranking Peronist (Charles Shaw Robin-son) living across the hall who watches out for them. Of course, the playwright seems to be saying that at least part of the cushioned prison in which they find themprison in which they find them-selves is of their own making, but the intensity of the dialogue sug-gests that the jackboots are snap-ping at their heels as they prepare to try Uruguay instead. Their main failing, especially in the case of Lise's kind but ineffectual father (a worthy James R. Winter), is the fear they refuse to

Despite these problems, the playwright and director Jack

O'Brien are able to conjure an evocative atmosphere of this strangely rarefied world that the narrating Lise comments on and even participates in. That this is a theatrically constructed memoir of sometimes-questionable authenticity is blithely acknowledged by the playwright. At one point, Lise's cantankerous greatgrandmother (a wonderful Deborah Taylor) rebels against her efforts to reconstruct the past. "Now she's telling us what we are thinking," she bellows, before instructing the audience to get its money back. "Go home!" she yells into the auditorium.

Though the mood is often theatrically constructed memoir

Though the mood is often Chekhovian-somber, there are flurries of lighter comedy. "We don't say 'Franco' at the dinner table, darling," Lise's well-bred table, darling," Lise's well-bred mother (a regal Katherine Mc-Grath) gently scolds her. The verbal family brawls pitting the emotional Italian side against the reserved Austrian wing provide more high comedy, but there are times when the humor becomes

overly manufactured - a batty aunt (Mary Stark) being the pri-mary source of these sit-com moments. Little Lise (alternately played by Alexandra Muhler and Lauren Marie Sliter) is a disap-pointing product of standardissue precociousness.

In an interview, Garrett-Groag described a childhood that recalls the movie *Life Is Beautiful*. When-

the movie Life Is Beautiful. Whenever she saw something disturbing, even a man being gunned down by soldiers, she was told that it was all make-believe.

"I remember being told that they were shooting movies all the time," the playwright said, "and it wasn't until I grew up that I realized they were not shooting movies, they were shooting people." That's an intriguing image, but unfortunately, not one that turns up in the play. \textsf{\textsup}

The Magic Fire will run at Berkeley Rep through May 7. Tickets are \$34.50-\$45. Call 510-845-4700.

Warhol films

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around her, too self-consumed to notice or care. She pauses to pose no matter what the circumstance. Her response to a string of indig-nities — treacherous husbands, rude shopgirls, threatening surgeons — is as stoic as Margaret Dumont's, and she sometimes casually turns these assaults to her advantage, as when she forces one of her tormentors (Woronov) to hold the mirror while she primps. Too, she stylishly endures Warhol's constant narrative ruptures, remaining grimly poised as technicians adjust the lighting and technicians adjust the lighting and Factory gawkers stare at her from the sidelines. And she bravely endures the film's refusal to even consider the idea of verisimilitude—the "store" is just a table in the Factory; the "court" is a file cabinet and a table a few feet away.

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Ronald Tavel is listed as the scenarist for Hedy, and he's also a driving force behind Horse, a "classic western" according to Tavel and clearly the inspiration for Lonesome Cowboys. Here there's even less interest in realism—this "Western" takes place indepens in the Festern Western. indoors, in the Factory. We know it's a Western because there's a real horse standing on the Factory floor indifferently eating hay, and four hunky young men in vaguely Western gear saying things like, "Get outa town!" and "One of you two guys is a mur-derer!" Other "characters" coexist onscreen but far outside the narrative. They include the horse's trainer; Edie Sedgwick, who answers the phone and meanders

around; Andy, who comes and goes; various technicians, on-lookers, undesignated street people, and a string of super- and perhaps substars.

The cowboys — who include well-known art critic Gregory Battcock — spend most of the movie capsizing every Western cliché and dragging the homo subtexts to the surface. So the time-honored poker game becomes a strip poker game, with an offscreen Tavel screaming at the boys to take their clothes off, which of course they're all too happy to do. And the cowboy's legendary love of his horse becomes a quasi-zoophilic romp as our boys suggestively pet and paw Old Paint, and "the Kid," stripped to his undies, giddily humps its back. Among the camp curiosities here are the shifting accents — sometimes "Western," sometimes Brooklyn; a guy who unzips another's pants with his toes; and the sudden intrusion of a cheesy aria that's wildly dramatized by one of the boys, who takes the concept of "horse opera" to its literal extreme.

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Don't worry if you arrive late for this one. Warhol was as subtly sadistic toward his audience (if he imagined one) as he was toward his players. This film is 99 minutes long, and the first third is mostly the horse eating.

SF Cinematheque's Pop Resurrection: A Warhol Weekend will play Sat.-Sun., April 3-4, 7:30 p.m., at San Francisco Art Institute, 800 Chestnut St. Call 558-8129 for information

Curtain Up!

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was a male impersonator. "She was so effective in her impersonation that she was able to dress as a man and marry her dresser. She was described as both a man's was described as both a man's widow and a woman's widower. This is my first play with music, although it's not a musical — people don't sing their feelings to each other — but Annie Hindle was a song-and-dance star, and I wanted to show that. Vaudeville songs were bawdy, and the play is set at the time that people were trying to clean up vaudeville." Donoghue anticipates seeing the other plays at the festival with pleasure. "It will be fun to see them side by side and look for similarities. And of course I'm looking forward to spending time in San Francisco."

What's coming up from Emma Donoghue? Not much, just a film of Stir-Fry for which she is writ-ing the screenplay, a new anthol-ogy, The Mammoth Book of Les-bian Short Stories, due out in June, a novel about an 18th-century murder, another novel about a long-distance relationship. Donoghue keeps working, and we get to enjoy the extraordinary fruits of her labor. Luckv us. Verv

lucky us.

The Festival of Irish Women Playwrights runs April 1 through April 11 at the Magic Theatre, Fort Mason, featuring plays by Marina Carr, Paula Meehan, Christina Reid, Marie Jones, and Christina Reid, Marie Jones, and Emma Donoghue. Don't miss the panel discussion with the play-wrights on April 3 at 7 p.m. Call 441-8822 for tickets and sched-ules. ▼

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Paul Taylor

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with retired Taylor dancers that is amazingly upbeat, considering that the subject matter is serious stuff like financial and mental crises, mass firings and the loss to AIDS of so many beloved col-leagues. Patrick Corbin, a stoically handsome young man who is one of Taylor's current lead dancers, remarks almost matter of factly that his lover died two years

Diamond also introduces historical footage of Taylor himself dancing in the '50s and '60s. A large, well-proportioned many built more like a baseball player than the typical diminutive dancer, Taylor shares with his younger colleague, Mark Morris, the most perfect balances I've ever seen in modern dance. In a long seen in modern dance. In a long sequence from his Aureole, Taylor eats up space with his huge wing span, balancing easily on one foot. Nobody that big should be able to move so fluidly, yet leave an impression of solid, masculine authority. Taylor tells Corbin that he was always frightered of that solo was always frightened of that solo, and the younger dancer marvels that his boss is so open and gen-erous about his own vulnerabili-

Taylor has always been cage about his sexuality; unlike the ebullient Morris, he is not fla-grantly "out" and has generally stuck to conventional male-female duos in his romantic ballets. In *Piazzolla Caldera*, however, he has the perfect vehicle for ignorhas the perfect vehicle for ignor-ing obvious gender pairings. Tango was originally a way for men to express comradeship and/or hostility without knives in the brothels of Buenos Aires. Since tango is not about sex but about the sublimation of sex, the image of men tangoing together creates a powerful fantasy. (Prac-tically the only honest moment in Carlos Saura's meretricious film Tango pairs hunky ballet dancer Julio Bocca with Argentine tanguero Carlos Rivarola in a

scorching same-sex dance.)
The work I'm looking forward to the most at Yerba Buena is the revival of Taylor's Le Sacre du Printemps (The Rehearsal), a stunning musical and physical joke, a piece of intricate clockwork that leaves the audience delirious. Employing Stravinsky's two-piano reproduction of *Le Sacre* (*The Rite* of Spring), from which Diaghilev's poor dancers learned to count the poor dancers learned to count the damn thing in 1913 (and played live only on April 7 by Julie Stein-berg and Betty Woo), Taylor imagines not a colorful Russian fertility ritual, but a black-and-white Mack Sennett comedy. Moving faster than the speed of light (or so, it seems), a detective light (or so it seems), a detective, cops, criminals, gun molls and an innocent woman clutching a baby innocent woman clutching a baby spin across the stage to Stravinsky's pounding rhythms; in the black-humored finale, even the baby is offed. Taylor's uncompromising attitude toward the vicissitudes of life is also expressed in his lyrical Eventide (music by Vaughan Williams), about which the choreographer says, "It's about the infinite possibilities of the love relationship. Of course, at the end, they part. That's the law of nature." Ouch.

This melancholy man with the

This melancholy man with the mean streak has been called "the mean streak has been caned the world's greatest choreographer." I'd add, "of his generation," since the younger Mark Morris is the most musical creator of dances since the death of Balanchine. since the death of Balanchine. Still, however you rank him, Taylor is a fascinating creature, part imp, part demon. He's perfectly happy to expose both sides on stage and in *Dancemaker*. Critic Deborah Jowitt sums up the Paul Taylor experience when she says, "He mail dance with the says of th "He makes dances where people are blessed, and dances that scare the daylights out of you." \

Paul Morrissey

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and spend half their time fleecing their relatives and various old queens for The Cause, and the other half brawling, bitching, and secretly compromising their politics by carrying on with musclebound macho pigs and casting couch directors. In a Valley of the Dolls twist, Jackie ends up a mad housewife, Holly becomes a Bow-ery drunk, and rich girl Candy deery drunk, and rich girl Candy descends into B movies and slut-dom. Morrissey plays it all for low-down laughs, brilliantly skewering what today is known as political correctness. Several long scenes of full-frontal male and female nudity add to the entranc-

ingly vulgar goings-on.

Heat (1973), released the same year, is an ambitious, still enormously funny send-up of Sunset Boulevard, with Sylvia Miles dominating as the Gloria Swanson stand-in Sally Todd. Poor Sally is stuck with an insane lesbian daughter, a "movie career" now restricted to TV game shows, and one of the most disengaged, desultory studs ever: Joe Dallesandesultory studs ever: Joe Dallesandro as hunky, navel-gazing Joey Davis, a former child star in a western TV show. It's hard to know what to point out as most worthy in the film, but definitely at the top is Miles's stunningly over-the-top presence and performance (she plans the imprevised). mance (she claims she improvised all her dialogue, and having interviewed her, I don't doubt it). Andrea "Whipps" Feldman and Pat Ast also excel as, respectively, Sally's cackling, demented daugh-ter, and the manager of the sleazy Hollywood motel where every-body (except Sally) lives. Morris-sey fleshes out the scene with an sey fleshes out the scene with an enchantingly strange array of Hollywood rejects, including Eric Emerson as a drug burnout who wanders around the patio masturbating in a white frock; and yet another former child star, the decrepit "Aunt Harold", who gives Joe a blow job while Joe's muchabused paramour, Sally, is negotiating with her ex-husband in the ating with her ex-husband in the next room. Morrissey's view of the twilight of Hollywood and its numerous casualties is, like all the films in this group, both mocking and, surprisingly, affecting.

Sugar and fun and everything

by Gregg Shapiro

hen I first heard the song
"Hooch" on the radio, I
was convinced that it
had to be from the new Fun
Lovin' Criminals disc that I had-Lovin' Criminals disc that I had-n't gotten around to listening to yet. I was wrong. The song "Hooch" is, in fact, from the album Super Natural (Sire) by Everything. It's hard to explain why, but when I first listened to this disc I had the same reaction to it that I had to Dave Matthews Band's breakthrough major-label disc Under The Table and Dream-ing I was suspicious of the disc disc Under The Table and Dreaming. I was suspicious of the disc and the band. As far as I could tell, Everything, like Dave Matthews Band, seemed to have appeared out of nowhere, and suddenly they were everywhere (if not Everything).

Basically, Everything is a see-

Basically, Everything is a sextet that incorporates horns (remthat incorporates horns (remnants of the ska phenomenon perhaps?), keyboards, guitars and vocals to create their sound. It's all quite harmless, and with the exception of "Hooch," all quite vanilla, although there is a subversive spirituality that pervades songs such as "Good Thing (St. Lucia)," "Time Will Heal Me," "The Real," "Be Gone," "Big D's Playground," and "Transition Man," If they are, in fact, a Christian band, I'd prefer they were up-front about it.

Sugar Ray is somewhat more up-front about who and what they are. Like other bands that started out with a more hardcore sound and image (listen to their

they are. Like other bands that started out with a more hardcore sound and image (listen to their Lemonade and Chocolate album and check out the photo of lead singer Mark McGrath in a jockstrap in the CD booklet), Sugar Ray got a sweet taste of success and liked the sugar rush of it. How else to explain their latest disc 14:59 (Atlantic)? Not that there's anything really wrong with it, it's just that beginning with the album's first single "Every Morning," you can hear that this disc is a much more calculated commercial effort. Their old fans might be disappointed, but their new fans (of whom there are probably a greater number) will probably be pleased with this disc. Potential future hits include "Falls Apart," "Even Though," and especially "Someday," "Ode To The Lonely Hearted," and their loving cover of Steve Miller's "Abracadabra."

I hope the guys in Fun Lovin Criminals can forgive me for

of Steve Miller's "Abracadabra."

I hope the guys in Fun Lovin' Criminals can forgive me for thinking that Everything's "Hooch" was a song by them. One listen to 100% Colombian (Virgin/DiFontaine), their long-awaited follow-up to 1996's Come Find Yourself, and I find myself ashamed at my mistake. There is a humor and maturity on this disc which makes it the logical progression from Come Find Yourself. You won't find humor or maturity on the Everything disc. Just listen to the song humor or maturity on the Everything disc. Just listen to the song "Love Unlimited" on the FLC disc, with its "Barry White saved my life" chorus, and you'll know what I mean. Other 100% funlovin' moments occur on "Korean Bodega," "Back On The Block," "Sugar," "Flig Night Out," "Mini Bar Blues," and the serious "We Are All Very Worried About You." ▼

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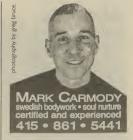


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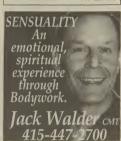




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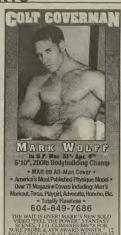
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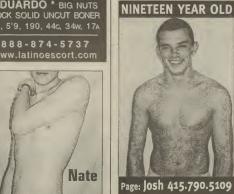


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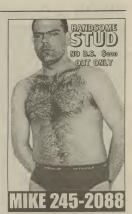
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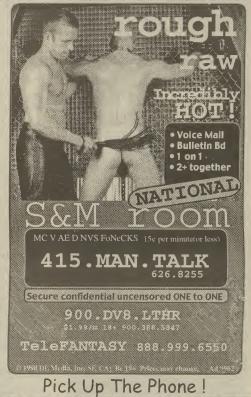
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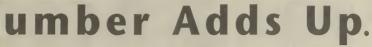
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